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Last chance to talk, Sinn Fein told

Blair issues ultimatum on IRA ceasefire

By Philip Webster and Nicholas Watt

TONY BLAIR yesterday delivered an ultimatum to the IRA by announcing plans to start detailed talks on Northern Ireland's future in September - with or without Sinn Fein at the table.

The Prime Minister, desperate to revive the peace process, said he wanted the discussions over by May 1998, with any agreement being put to the people of Northern Ireland soon after in a referendum.

By announcing a tight and ambitious deadline Mr Blair was effectively telling the IRA it must declare a ceasefire by the end of next month to have any chance of boarding the "peace train".

The Government has already told Sinn Fein - in a document made public yesterday — that it would make a judgment about whether they qualified for peace talks six weeks after a ceasefire had been declared.

But fears that hardline IRA terrorists are trying to wreck early-morning attack on the

loaded AK47 assault rifles after armed terrorists took over a house in South Belfast. Security sources said that the IRA was planning to launch an attack on the heavily fortified RUC station at

Woodburn. Bill Stewart, the RUC's Assistant Chief Constable for Belfast, accused the terrorists of "murderous intent". The planned attack also raised speculation about a splinter group trying to stop the peace

Hague's fiancée

quits Civil Service

Ffion Jenkins, fiancée of Wil-

liam Hague, has resigned

from the Civil Service days

before she was expected to

Miss Jenkins decided that

ber future husband's high

profile political role was not compatible with a career in

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Sir Cameron's

millennium role

The theatre impresario Sir

Cameron Mackintosh has been drafted in to save the

troubled millennium exhibi-

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hit shows will produce a

musical as the centrepiece of the Greenwich Dome

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The Times on the Internet

return from leave to work for a Labour Cabinet minister.

Hours later in the Commons the Prime Minister declared: "The settlement train is leaving, with or without Sinn Fein. If they want to join, it is absolutely clear what they have to do. I have dealt straight with them. I expect straight dealing in return. We and the other parties will not

be waiting around for them." He said that after the murders of two RUC officers in Lurgan last week "the credibility gap the IRA and Sinn Fein have to bridge is wider than

"Whatever Sinn Fein now say or do, I am determined to move on. It is essential to make political progress rapidly," he said.

Mr Blair, as expected, outined the new approach on decommissioning agreed with Dublin under which the IRA would give up arms during the negotiations.

Under the plan, which does not require the IRA to disarm before the talks, an indepenas police yesterday foiled an up to make proposals for disarming and monitor its implementation. A special committee within the talks process would be set up to

consider the progress. Mr Blair also published the note in which Sinn Fein were offered the prospect of a place in the talks six weeks after a ceasefire. It had been intended to put at rest fears that the Government might deliberately spin out the process.

But three days after it was sent the Lurgan killings, which Mr Blair believes were an attempt to sabotage the process, occurred.

By publishing the note of

JACQUES COUSTEAU, the

veteran French underwater

explorer whose films and

books vividly revealed the

mysteries of marine life to millions of people around the world, died yesterday, aged 87.

Captain Jacques-Yves

Cousteau has gone to the world of silence," the Cous-

teau Foundation announced

in a reference to the celebrated

oceanographer's Oscar-win-ning 1955 documentary, The

Mourning M Cousteau's death, President Chirac des-

cribed him as "the world's most famous Frenchman" and "an enchanter in the tradition

of ocean explorers whose life

seems so much like a legend".

Lionel Jospin, France's Prime Minister, added: "The

planet has lost one of its

Silent World.

Cousteau, explorer

of oceans, dies

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

meetings between Sinn Fein and government officials on May 21 and May 28 Mr Blair intended to show that the Government has been seriously trying to make progress. Addressing the issue of how

long a ceasefire would have to run before Sinn Fein could ioin the talks, the note says: We understand that an open-ended time period gives rise to accusations of bad faith. We are prepared therefore to remove any misunderstand-ing by saying the period of time for such a judgment is some six weeks.

"If an unequivocal ceasefire is in place by mid-June, and is satisfactory in word and deed, Sinn Fein would be invited to a plenary session of the negotiations by the end of July."

Yesterday's moves were intended to put fresh pressure on the IRA and Sinn Fein and to capitalise on the wave of revulsion in Britain, Ireland and the United States over the Lurgan killings.

William Hague, the Conservative Leader, pledged the continuation of the bipartisan approach to Northern Ireland. But he said there should be no question of substantive neogitations with Sinn Fein without "early" parallel decommissioning of arms.

A man was charged last night with the murders of two

RUC officers in Lurgan, Co Armagh, on June 16. Colin Duffy, 29, appeared at Craigavon Magistrates Court, Co Armagh. Duffy was remanded in custody pending a further hearing next month.

Charles Lysaght, page 22 Letters, page 23

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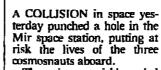
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to use both."

Notre Dame on Monday. In the course of a 60-year

The Russian space station Mir, ageing and a subject of increasing safety concerns Space collision puts cosmonauts at risk

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor



The unit was quickly sealed off, and Russian mission control said that the cosmonauts, who include British-born Michael Foale, were safe. But the incident is bound to increase anxiety about the safety of the ageing space station.

The accident occurred yes-

terday morning as the crew were practising docking with a Progress supply ship. The cargo ship had been detached on Tuesday, to allow it to re-enter the atmosphere and burn up over the Pacific. But before that it was decided to practise the docking manouevre, which has often proved tricky for cosmonauts on Mir.

Instead of docking, howev-er, the Progress craft collided with Spektr, one of six mod-



A television picture of the damaged panel

impact damaged Spektr's solar panels and was sufficiently violent to cause a leak. Oxygen rapidly drained away and the crew hurriedly sealed off Spektr from the rest of Mir.

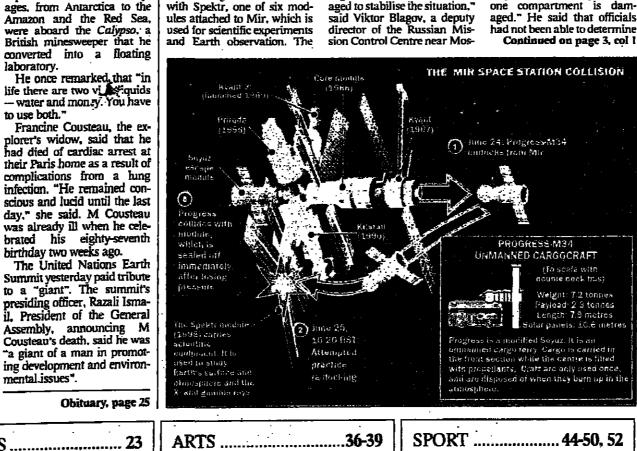
The job took several minutes and pressure inside Mir began to fall. "We have managed to stabilise the situation," said Viktor Blagov, a deputy director of the Russian Miscow. "There is no talk about evacuating the crew or jettisoning the module."

He said the atmospheric pressure aboard Mir dropped slightly but was eventually brought back to normal. The pressure in the damaged mod-ule was "heading toward zero", according to Rob Navias, spokesman of the US space agency Nasa, which is engaged in a joint programme

with the Russians.

Mr Blagov said that Mir also lost about one-third of its power supply as a result of the collision, and officials were considering how to use the remaining energy more effectively. He said this would not endanger the crew but would impose limits on scientific experiments.

"The multi-module struc-ture of Mir saved it," Mr Blagov said. "It worked like a ship, which can keep afloat it one compartment is damaged." He said that officials had not been able to determine



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Civil liberties row over plan to issue pupil **ID** numbers

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

EVERY child will be given a national identification number at the age of four, under Government plans announced yesterday to plot pupils progress throughout their school career.

New central records will enable officials to track pupils from school to school to measure their progress — or "value added" — at each stage. But the plan sparked an immediate row with civil liberties campaigners, who said the system could open the door to national identity cards, which Labour opposed in opposition.

From next year, as well as giving examination results at lo and 18, official national league tables will take account of pupils' success rates in earlier tests at seven. II and 14. This is to ensure the achievement of middle-ranking schools which make great strides with below-average children is recognised and to expose those which coast with bright intakes.

The introduction of pupil identification numbers will ensure that the correct results are used to assess the performance of schools even when some children have moved from elsewhere.

David Hawker, who is developing the "value added" tables for the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, said: "We are looking at setting up a national pupil number. It is nothing to be frightened of because pupil information is covered by the Data Protection Act. Local education authorities already have their own numbering systems."

But Andrew Puddephat, director of the civil rights pressure group Charter 88, said: Once you have a unique identification number to keep

track of pupils, you really have the basis for a identity card system."

'It is a cliché to talk about a slippery slope, but who knows how it could be used? The Government must explicitly rule out any extension of its use for other purposes."

John Wadham, the director of Liberty, said: "There must be other systems that can cope with the administrative problems without the downside of serious civil liberties implications."

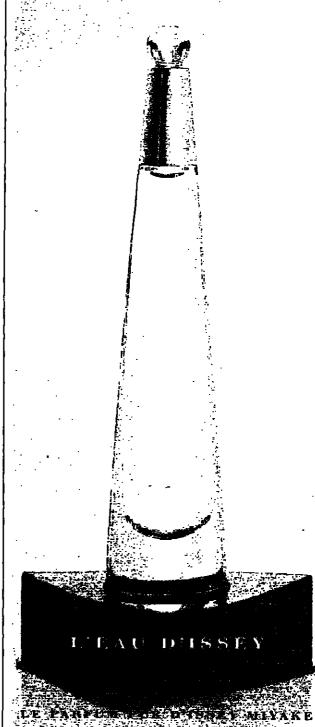
Estelle Morris, the schools standards Minister, said the new measures would give a clearer indication of which schools were improving. This year's tables will also include four previous years' results.

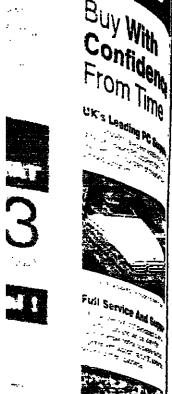
But teaching unions remained hostile. Doug McAvoy, the general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said publication of league tables should be suspended pending consultation on a better method of monitoring and reporting on school effectiveness. He said: "League tables based on crude results are not a reliable indication of school performance, no matter how they are modified by so-called value added indicators."

Ms Morris also confirmed that the Government would require local authorities to produce their own primary school league tables, although the Department for Education and Employment would pub-lish the results subsequently on the Internet. The switch to local publica-

tion is designed to speed up the process so that the results are available before parents have to choose schools.

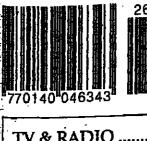
National publication will continue for tables of public examination results.

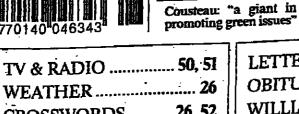


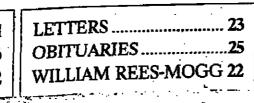




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Gavin Strang, the Trans-

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and know that the bus will be there in a few minutes. All sections of the bus industry will be consulted and the review will form

part of the proposed White Paper on integrated trans-port policy to be published

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Fast sackings

A fast-track plan to sack

bad teachers has been

agreed by employers if

accepted by ministers, a new charge of gross incom-petence will lead to dis-missal within two terms.

The present system has

seven stages and takes two

years or longer. The Local

said it wanted a fair but

fast" means of dismissing

Never say dye

The washday nightmare of

whites turned sickly pink or sky blue could be han-

developed by the Danish

biotechnology company Novo-Nordisk, Added to a

detergent, the enzyme

pleaches out dyes, but only

when they have bled acci-dentally in the wash. It has

no effect on the original

coloured fabrics, the devel-

Breath of hope

One of the Siamese twin

girls separated by sur-geons at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital

a week ago is now breath-ing unaided. The girls,

who were joined at the

abdomen, were delivered

by Caesarean section on

remains on a ventilator. A

nospital spokesman said:

Both are stable and mak-

Bombings case

Two men accused of taking

part in terrorist bombings

in France lost their High

Court attempt to avoid

extradition on the ground

that they would not receive

a fair trial in "racist"

France. The court refused

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New brew lacks froth on top, but delivers a kick

a tiger at his first chance to intervene at Prime Minister's Questions yesterday. As a novice bungee jumper pushes to the front, to get it over with. Mr Hague's anxious lunge at the dispatch box suggested not so much an impatience for the fun as an ache to have

Yards to his left and impassive as an elderly basking seal, Sir Edward Heath watched the fourteenth new Leader of the Opposition tackle a Prime Minister since, as a young MP, he watched Winston Churchill tackle Clement

FFION JENKINS, fiancee of

William Hague, has resigned

from the Civil Service days

before she was expected to

return from leave to serve a

when he was Welsh Secretary

in the last Government, decid-

ed that her future husband's

high-profile political role was

not compatible with a career

in Whitehall. She has not been

back to her desk since Labour

The decision to give up her Civil Service career will fuel

speculation that the couple are

planning to get married soon-

er rather than later. However,

friends of the couple maintain that the Oxford educated high-

flyer will put her own career

Miss Jenkins, 29, taught Mr

Hague the words of the Welsh national anthem sitting on a

wall of a village pub overlook-

ing the mountains. She sang

the anthem for two hours.

Their surprise engagement

was announced in March

Romance blossomed when

won the election.

Miss Jenkins, who was Mr Hague's private secretary

Labour Cabinet minister.

benches.

This was William Hague's debut. The political world was watching. No doubt his mother was watching. Maybe his girlfriend was watching. From the crowded peers' gallery in the Commons, half the House of Lords seemed to be watching. Some of his friends were watching. All his enemies were watching.

He made a good start. At first very nervous and fiddling, with notes covered in inky scrawl, he was on the edge of his seat before the Tony Blair had even risen for

Hague's fiancée

quits her job at

the Welsh Office

By Andrew Pierce, Political Correspondent

A Tory MP who has been

denied frontbench office for 27 years was the latest

appointment vesterday in

William Hague's front-

bench team. Sir David Madel (Bedfordshire

South West), one of the last

of the old-style, pro-Euro-

pean Wets, was made an

opposition whip. James Cran (Beverley) is also

Heald (Hertfordshire

North East) and Nigel

after a six- month courtship.

Miss Jenkins went on a

three month sabbatical in

March. When it came to an

end she took unpaid leave of

absence to consider her future.

But now she has submitted

spokesman for the Welsh Of-

fice confirmed: "She has for-

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Her £28,000-a-year role

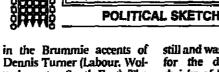
would have brought her into

regular contact with Ron Da-

nation, Recently,

her notice in writing.

Waterson (Eastbourne).



MATTHEW PARRIS

Dennis Turner (Labour, Wolverhampton South East). The Prime Minister was ready for a dozen great issues of our time. What would Mr Turner ask? Hague was agog.
"I wonder whether my

Right Hon Friend has had time to study my Weights & Measures (Beer & Cider) Bill? A full pint with the froth on top!" urged Turner. It was a pity Hague could not keep

vies, the new Welsh Secretary,

and other political appointees. Miss Jenkins, known as "Jol-ly" to her friends, may seek a

new challenge in the private

A copy of her curriculum

vitae has been sent to a firm of headhunters makes impres-sive reading. She has four A

levels, three at grade A, read English at Oxford and did a

Master of Philosophy which

included a thesis written en-

tirely in Welsh on the English

poet Thomas Gray. She also

plays the harp and the

Her connections are impec-

cable, as befits the new first

lady of Tory politics. Dr

Manon Williams, her older

sister, is a key member of in

the private office of the Prince

of Wales. Her father, Emyr, is

chief executive of the Arts

Miss Jenkins, who has been photographed stepping out

with Mr Hague more fre-quently recently, is expected to

devote the next few weeks to

working on a thesis for a

doctorate in medieval studies.

Council of Wales.

sector or academia.

still and was already straining for the dispatch box. To shricks of "No froth on top! Ha. ha. ha!". Labour fingers pointed at his head, but the PM steered clear of baldist controversy and spoke of his commitment to a full pint.

Too wound up to notice the joke, Hague shot to his feet. His voice was uncertain. Betty Boothroyd had to silence Labour backbenchers, still cackling "No froth on top".

Blair's turn to tense up. Five don rally. Hague's supporters times the new Tory leader put it to him that one of his Welsh backbenchers was complaining he had been threatened by the Welsh Secretary with expulsion from the party, unless he toed the line on devolution. And Hague alleged that local councillors had tried to intimidate their MP.

Blair flatly denied both charges. The Welsh Secretary (he said) had assured him that the first was untrue; and Blair had ordered an investigation into the second, which showed that to be a fiction too. Allegation and denial shot

But when he was heard, it was hack and forth like a Wimbleroared him on; Blair's roared their man on. You could take your choice which to believe, but Mr Blair's irritable, dismissive laugh, and a sprinkling of worried faces among the multicoloured matchstick men and women behind him. suggested that the accusation

> Hague's delivery sometimes faltered (he needs in trouper Boothroyd's phrase, to "produce"), but his argument did not. The PM sat down less than wounded, but mightily stung. Paddy Ash-down spoiled his day a little

Labour Left against their leader. The Liberal Democrat be spent on health and education, and will not let the matter drop.

The more critics refuse to let self-assurance.

leader is insisting that more

a subject drop, the more Tony Blair goes ragged. For the first time in this Parliament, it was possible to believe that, with an energetic Tory leader attempt to make them attacking from the Right and more efficient, reliable and. dogged Liberal Democrat attacking from the Left, the frequent. Opposition parties might nounced yesterday by combine to ruffle the Prime Minister's so-far magnificent port Minister, who said that the aim was to increase the number of people using buses. The basic problem is that in-



William Hague and Ffion Jenkins: she has quit Civil Service, where she would have worked for a Labour minister

Image makers divided by Kojak look with a Yorkshire accent

By Andrew Pierce and Mark Henderson

THE image consultant who transformed the appearance of Margaret Thatcher predicted yesterday that William Hague would be one of the most telegenic politicians in decades, following his first Prime Minister's Question

Sir Gordon Reece, who was credited with changing Baroness Thatcher's hairstyle wardrobe, and lowering the pitch of her voice, said: "I would not alter the way he looks or sounds very much at all. He has always had distinctive Yorkshire vowels. I think that they are rather appealing. The voice is like a musical instrument. You have to learn how

"I think William has done his homework. He has had plenty of time. He has been speaking in public since he was 16. As for being bald, I do not think it will matter a bit. It might even add an air of authority which belies his youthful looks."

However, Mary Spillane, the image consultant who

changed the beard and sandals image of many Liberal "Hague needs to do something about that giant dome when he stands at the dispatch box. It catches the light, and coupled with his slightly monotonous delivery, it can make him look and sound tedious.

"He should certainly be using a powder on it to stor the glare, and perhaps he should consider using a heavy foundation cream to block it He's very fair skinned, which makes matters worse." She said he was right in not

trying to conceal his baldness. 'He has chosen a flattering hairstyle that shows he is receding but makes the best of it." she said.

Sir Ronald Millar, who was a speechwriter for Sir Edward heath, Baroness Thatcher and John Major, gave Mr Hague seven marks out of 10 for his first performance: "He is still behind Margaret. She started off on 812. When she first went to the disputch box. I thought she looked like she came

Sir Gordon: he was Thatcher adviser

straight out of the film the Sound of Music. William looks more like he came out of a Kojak episode. He is like the star of a smart detective series. His voice is strong.

"I think his double breasted suits are clever because they convey an impression of weight even though he is only a slip of a lad."

closely peoples' attitudes to-

wards Mr Hague. A tenth of

the public, but 28 per cent of

Fory supporters, say they like

both him and his policies, At

Most observers thought that Mr Hague had shown signs of

nerves when he rose to deliver his first question. "But I like said Sir Ronald. "It would have been a mistake to have been cocky and to appear to be the king of the castle." Robert Freeburn, director of the Voice and Speech Centre in London, said Mr Hague's delivery was predictable, flat and lacking in impact. He said that despite a resonant voice

which showed good speaking technique, he was not vet match for the Prime Minister. His voice is very flat, with very few highlights." Mr Freeburn said. "He does not even mark his voice with a rising inflexion on a question which is wrong. I would hesitate to say he was monoto-

nous, but he certainly lacks a dynamic quality." Mr Hague put in four hours' preparation for Question Time, coached by close advisers including Alan Duncan, his Parliamentary Political Secretary. Tony Blair went into the Commons chamher late at night and went through the motions at the dispatch box for his debut. Mr

rian nationality, for writs of habeas corpus. Hague rejected that idea. **Balloonist pays** New leader must make his face fit

A woman who lost her enthusiasm for sex after being thrown from a horse when it was frightened by a hot-air balloon was awarded £18,657 damages at Norwich Crown Court. Christine Stiven, 32, from Norwich, had sued the balloonist, Gary Andrewarthi, 32, of Gooderstone, Norfolk, for injuries she received in

April 1994.

Duke rests The Duke of Westminster has accepted medical advice not to resume work or public engagements until September. Britain's richest landlord, said to be worth nearly £1.7 billion. has been resting since early this month. His personal secretary said at the time that the 46-year-old duke had been working too hard and had been ordered to. rest by his doctor, ...

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RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Hague the vast majority of the public does not know what to make of him. He has risen so far so fast that he has not yet established a clear image - either with the public as a whole or with the reduced band of committed Tory supporters.

The latest MORI poll for The Times, the first since the general election, underlines the extent of the task facing Mr Hague, The poll, full details of which will appear tomorrow, was undertaken last weekend just after all the publicity about Mr Hague's election as leader. Nevertheless, only a quarter of the public has a firm view about Mr Hague and they are split evenly in being satisfied or dissatisfied with the way he is doing his job as Tory leader. Nearly 75 per cent say they don't know. While 23 per cent

are satisfied with his performance. 72 per cent don't know, These figures are hardly surprising. The public is suspending its verdict. What is striking, however, is the contrast between Mr Hague's rating now and those of other Opposition leaders just after were elected. The public had much firmer opinions about the last four Labour leaders. largely because they had already been much better known. The level of don't knows for the four ranged between 50 and 58 per cent, substantially less than for A1r Hague. Their satisfaction rat-

ings varied between 23 per

cent for Michael Foot at the

end of 1980 and 34 per cent for

Tony Blair in summer 1994.

MORI also probed more

of Tory supporters say they

the opposite end of the spec-trum. 16 per cent of the public. and 6 per cent of Tory supporters, dislike both him and his policies. In the middle, some 8 per cent (4 per cent of Tories) like him but dislike his policies, while 4 per cent (5 per cent of Tories) dislike him but like his policies. Most significant of all, 62 per cent of the publics is a whole, and 56 per cent of Tory supporters. have no opinion.

Mr Hague, of course, has time on his side — probably more than he would like. His immediate need is to establish his personality with the electorate. He made a solid start

at Prime Minister's Questions, sharp and to the point. if perhaps on a second-order question that did not quite bear the number of supplementaries he asked.

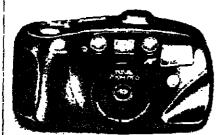
What he now needs to do is not to launch a series of policy initiatives but to give the public an impression of his underlying approach to poli-tics, just as Mr Blair did with his dramatic initiative to rewrite Clause Four. The shortterm risk, underlined by his generally lightweight and unimpressive frontbench team. is that the Tories will be ignored and pushed to the edge of the political stage.

MORI interviewed 1,352 adults at 173 sampling points across Britain on June 20-23 Data were weighted to match the profile of the population.

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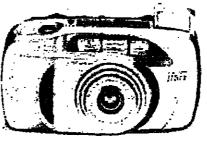
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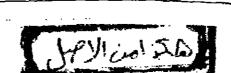
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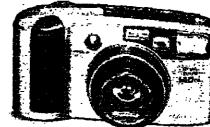


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Nasa urged to heed Mir safety warnings

Fears for future of **American** shuttle missions

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE head of Nasa was urged yesterday to send no more stay on Mir until he is satisfied the Russian space station meets or exceeds American safety standards.

The warning was issued during a meeting in Washington between Dan Goldin. Nasa administrator, and James Sensenbrenner, chairman of the science committee in the House of Representatives. In April, Mr Sensen-brenner included a provision barring further astronauts from Mir in the Nasa budget as it was passed by the House. The Bill is now awaiting consideration by the Senate before going to President Clinton for signature.

Although the ban is not yet law, Mr Sensenbrenner said: "I for one can no longer sit idly by as mishap after mishap occurs while we continue to plan the next shuttle mission to Mir in September, hoping for, but not really expecting, that the mission will succeed without a potentially lifethreatening situation."

Mr Sensenbrenner de-. manded that Mr Goldin initiate a comprehensive. independent review of Mir's technical integrity in advance of the September launch, which will bring home Michael Foale, the British-born astronaut who has been aboard Mir for nearly six weeks. Mr Goldin pointed out that a still-secret outside review of the Russian spacecraft had already been conducted.

Mr Sensenbrenner said he did not believe it satisfied the demands of his Bill and it certainly did not address the failures associated with yesterday's crash during the test

to calculate

The words of Dr Foale are "It will be like working on a second-hand car," he said jauntily as he embarked on his four-month stint in space. In fact, he understated the case by a wide margin. It is one thing to be tinkering under a car that has 100,000 miles on the clock, but quite another trying to hold together an orbiting clunker that was built to spend five years in space and has been there for 11. In the bonhomie of international collaboration, Nasa glosses over its concerns about



Michael Foale seemed happy to be aboard Mir after his arrival on May 17. He is due to stay until September

Mir. A rare comment on the

Briton who wanted to explore new worlds

By JOANNA BALE

MICHAEL FOALE is an "explorer and dreamer" who did everything possible to achieve his boyhood ambition of becoming an astronaut, his mother said yesterday.

Mary Foale, a retired Cambridge University librarian, said: "Like the Star Trek theme, he wanted to boldly go where no man had gone before. He wanted to seek new worlds and new ideas. "As a little boy, he talked of little eise after being inspired by John Glenn, the first US

astronaut to orbit the Earth." Mrs Foale regularly sends her son bars of English chocolate, which are transported to Mir in supply rockets. She said: "What will most annoy Michael is that it will probably delay a couple of packages we have sent up for him. Every now and again we are allowed to send up parcels weighing no more than a couple of pounds via these

Mrs Foale and her husband Colin, a former RAF Air Commodore from Cambridge, last had contact with their son on Saturday through e-mail messages relayed to Mir via Moscow. They last spoke to him on Father's Day, by satellite phone link. Mrs Foale said: He was very cheerful and upbeat. He said he was looking down at



Mary Foale: spoke to her son on Father's Day

was the cloud cover."

Of the accident, Mrs Foale said: "I don't think there is any danger, but there is an escape vehicle they can use if there is a serious problem."

Mrs Foale, who is Ameri-

can, said that her son's ambitions had begun "when, aged six, he saw the John Glenn capsule at a State Fair in Minnesota on a trip to see his grandparents. It became his dream and he was very singleminded in pursuing it."

As a schoolboy, he covered his bedroom walls with photographs from the Nasa press office and lost himself in science fiction books.

He even regarded the rig-

ours of life as a boarder at King's School, Canterbury as good preparation for life on board a space shuttle because there is "no personal privacy, the food is rotten and there are no women." according to a recent interview.

After a doctorate in astrophysics at Queen's College. Cambridge. he tried to interest the British Government in a manned space flight. When this failed, he used his dual nationality to emigrate to America to pursue his career

in the US space programme. His first job was in Houston. Texas, working on space shuttle navigational problems at the McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Corporation. In June 1983, he joined Nasa's Johnson Space Center, working in payload operations. There, he met his wife Rhonda who was working as a shuttle engineer. He was selected for astronaut training by Nasa in 1987, and passed in August 1988.

A father of two, he is a veteran of three space shuttle flights in which he spent a total of 634 hours in orbit. In November 1995 he flew on the first shuttle to rendezvous with Mir and became the first Briton to walk in space.

Mr Foale. 40, is one of the few American astronauts to speak fluent Russian and spent 18 months training at the Cosmonaut Training Centre in Star City. Russia.

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and water.

month from Dr Foale's American predecessor as a longterm guest on Mir, Jerry He said: "After the fire, it

record came earlier this

seemed like every day something else was going wrong." The brief flash fire last February in an air filter was, like most of Mir's troubles, associated with life support systems.

The primary oxygen generator failed, the air conditioning conked out, the carbon dioxide extractor broke down and the spacecraft developed a list. In an incident similar to yesterday's collision, cosmonauts lost control of a cargo craft as it tried to dock.

about Russia's space programme. Audrey Schwartz, a Nasa spokeswoman, said: "The Russians are as resourceful as our Mission Control at handling real-time problems. They know their equipment

very well." But there is no disguising that since the break-up of the Soviet Union the Russian space programme has lost prestige, and more importantly, its virtually unlimited funding from Moscow. As a result, the Russians are behind on their contributions to the international space station that is intended to take over from Mir as a permanently

manned orbiting laboratory.
Originally due to be launched in November, it has now been delayed at least until next June. ☐ The cosmonauts are show-

signs of becoming irritable, according to a Dutch amateur radio enthusiast who has monitored communications to Mir for many years.

Chris van den Berg says that on every pass, Tsibliyev and Lazutkin discuss with mission control how their repairs are going. "They are finding a lot of problem with cables and contacts which they

Mr van den Berg believes the problems and setbacks of the present mission are taking their toll on the cosmonauts. They have been on Mir for 136 days, and were joined by Dr Foale just over a month ago. Dr Foale told his father last week the Russians were anxious that their relief crew would be launched on time on August 8. Previous missions have been delayed. Additional reporting by Rob-

in Lodge, in Moscow, and Nigel Hawkes

SPACE ACCIDENTS

October 1960, USSR: military rocket blows up on launch pad and kills many technicians, including head of Space Forces. January 1967, USA: Apoilo 1 catches fire on

launchpad. All three crew killed.

April 1967, USSR: Soyuz 1 suffers from many problems, culminating in loss of cosmonaut Vladimir Komarov when the capsule spins uncontrollably and paractute tangles around itself and fails to open. April 1970, USA: Apollo 13 crew survive

onboard explosion of fuel tank which results in loss of electrical power and oxygen. June 1971, USSR: Soyuz 11 crew lost when valve accidentally opens during return to Earth and crew are asphyxiated as they are not wearing spacesuits.

April 1975, USSR: Soyuz 18 falls to separate from booster on cue and starts to tumble on the edge of space. By firing emergency rockets, the crew survive but the capsule lands in waist-deep snow.

September 1983, USSR: Sovuz T-10 booster explodes on launchpad due to engine fire. Crew fire emergency rescue rocket and are pulled away from resulting explosion.



Apollo 13's fuel tank exploded in 1970

January 1986, USA: Challenger explodes 73 seconds after lift-off on 25th Shuttle mission. Crew of seven are killed and debris is still washing up on the Florida shores today. February 1997, Russia: fire aboard Mir caused by emergency oxygen generating equipment causes serious damage, but crew

Mir in space collision

human error. Vasily Tsibliyev, a Russian cosmonaut, was at the controls when the accident

occurred.

With him aboard Mir are Alexander Lazutkin and Mr Foale, who arrived about a month ago. Both were helping with the docking procedure. Had an emergency evacua-

tion been necessary, the crew could have used the Soyuz capsule attached to the other end of the station to make a quick exit and return to Earth. But there was no indication yesterday that this option had been seriously considered.

The damage to the Spektr module will wreck Mr Foale's experiments, which were housed inside it. He had been growing plants through a series of generations, raising seeds, pollinating flowers, and creating fresh seeds for a second and then a third generation. The aim was to check

the effects of zero gravity on Continued from page 1 the effects of zero gravity on whether the accident was the growth of plants. It will caused by faulty equipment or also leave Mr Foale without a place to sleep, as the module served as his living quarters as well as his laboratory.

Repair of the Spektr module in space is likely to be difficult, if not impossible. Mr Blagov said that the crew might have to make space walks to connect the solar panels on Spektr to the main module of Mir with cables. Repressurising Spektr would involve sealing the damage caused by the crash and that could well be impossible in space.

As for the Progress M34 supply ship which did the damage, it remained in orbit close to the space station. Once all the data it contains has been studied, it will be discarded to burn up in the atmosphere, as is normally done with such craft at the end of their mission. A new Progress, M35, is ready with fresh food and equipment and was due for launch at the end

of this week. The manouevre that went wrong was apparently designed to check the manual docking system, so that it can fully replace the automatic system which takes up a lot of space on board Mir and has repeatedly failed in recent years. The equipment is made in the Ukraine, and experts are unhappy about both its quality and terms of delivery, Mr Blagov said,

In 1994, another Progress cargo ship twice failed to dock properly with Mir on the automatic system. But on that occasion the cosmonauts succeeded in linking it with the station on a third attempt by using manual controls.

Wednesday's crash was not the first space collision, although it appears to be the worst involving Mir. A supply ship brushed against the space station before, and there have been similar circumstances involving Soyuz spacecraft, said Mr Navias, the Nasa spokesman.



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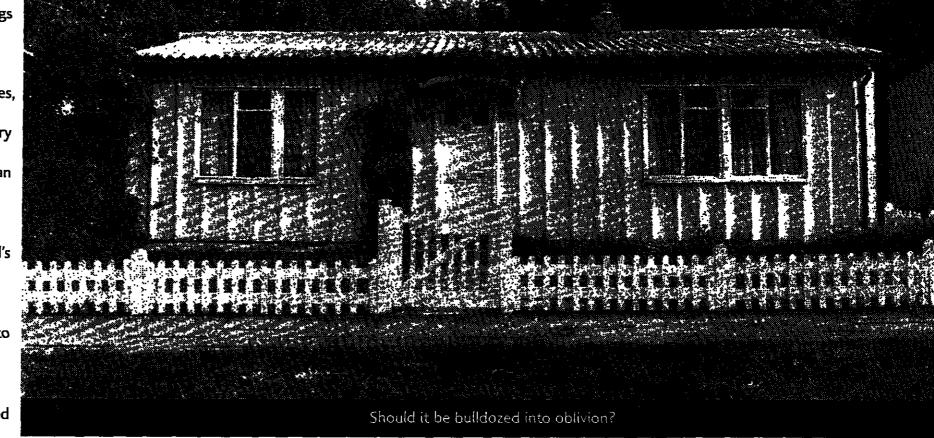
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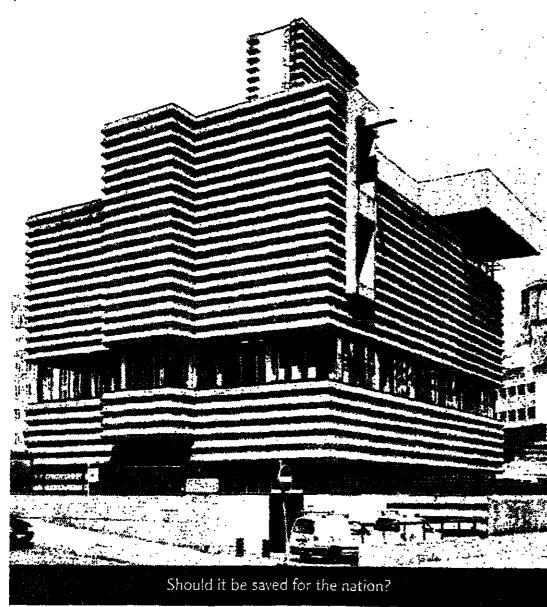
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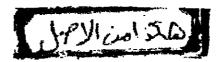
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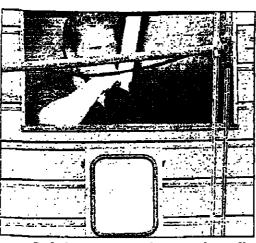
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Game to the undercover heroes of Wimbledon

Stephen Farrell and John Goodbody on yesterday's unmatched stars

hernes of Wimbledon huddled in towel cupboards and Portakabins yesterday, waiting for the secret signal to spring into action. After nine hours, it finally came. A prearranged code flashed on to a ligital board above Court 7, and the green nylon covers were dellated and pulled back, briefly, to cheers from half-empty stands.

The court-cover squad is made up of 120 students, paid £25 a day. Court by the Army, the students

during the championship fort- are on all outside and practice night. When the sun shines, they are ignored by everyone. But when the rain falls, they suddenly be-come the most powerful and unpopular people at the event. Sprinting on to the courts, they clear nets, posts, chairs and towels within 40 seconds, bundling off players and line judges. While the Centre Court is covered by the club's own groundstaff and No I

courts. Until last year, their power was absolute. Umpires who refused to move were wheeled off in their chairs. A player who grumbled - including, memorably, Jimmy Connors - suddenly found himself jumping to avoid a heavy

They operate in teams of six, with only one woman per team because they are deemed less able to pull the rollers. Two of the team must

remain courtside at all times, no matter how sunny, and the working day can be 8am to 10pm. Their lives are governed by the referee's hotline to the weathermen.

While other eyes are fixed on the Centre and Nol Court scoreboards, they stare in the other direction to watch for code numbers of the crow's nest scoreboard. The code is: 1, standby: 2, cover immediately, even if rain has not yet begun; 3, inflate: 4, deflate; 5,

uncover. For tennis fans it is the ideal job, and there may be other compensations. Each year rumours abound of late-night sexual activity on the hallowed turf under the inflated covers. Veterans recall great amusement when the Court 5 team arrived the morning after a party to find champagne glasses. contraceptives and a discurded

This year has had a tough start. Rain badly disrupted the qualify-

stocking on the grass.

ing tournament at the Bank of England ground, which affected the build-up for the main event. A senior member of staff said: "It was the worst possible start. At no stage could we get all the teams together for practice. Most of the students are new this year and they have been kept by their courts the whole time." However, this year is unlikely to equal the worst of all. In 1922 it

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court is 40 seconds, and the all-timeje record 32 seconds. This year, thercrow's nest staff have observed, the Court 7 team is the quickestae Yesterday umbrellas remained res (s olutely out until 5.30pm, and eventr then the respite was brief. In less r. than an hour, the covers were backet on before even a single point hadd been played in some matches.

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month than all of summer '95

washed out four hours of play at Wimbledon yesterday and blighted the Lord's Test is the worst for ten years, the Meteorological Office said yesterday. It is already the wettest June since 1991 and, if the rain continues, as is forecast, it will

be the wettest since 1987. There has been more rain since June I than in the entire summer of 1995, vith 87mm already recorded. Hosepipe bans and drought restrictions are un likely to be lifted, however. The Environment resermore months of similar

rain levels to benefit. The forecast is for more showers, and the Met Office thinks the June 1991 figare of 93mm is almost certain to be eclipsed. though it would need to rain heavily for every remaining day of the month to beat the June 1987 figure of

Wimbledon narrowly avoided losing a whole day's play for the first time since 1992, when the second Friday was rained off. Only 27 days have been lost

completely to rain in the ory. In 1995, no rain fell during Wimbledon

Met Office, said the rain had been caused by an area of low pressure over Britain that had not moved away as quickly as usual. "Normally low pressure whizzes across the country and is gone in a few days. This one just sat there, so we got grey skies and lots of

The low pressure, which was forecast in the Met Office's latest longmain for at least another of further disruption to Wimbledon and the Old Trafford Test match. which starts next

Piers Corbyn, of Weather Action, which produces long-range forecasts using solar activity, said that more rain was expected in July. "There is a lot of solar activity at the moment. which tends to make weath

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More rain this By Mark Henderson THE wet weather which

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Princess pulls out of mines meeting after Tory censure

DIANA. Princess of Wales. was "extremely disappointed frustrated" yesterday from a meeting at the House of Commons to discuss a worldwide ban on landmines.

It is understood that the Princess, who returned from New York early yesterday. was shocked by criticism of her proposed visit to the Commons by some Tory MPs.

They claimed that the Princess's attendance at the meeting, to be adressed by the Independent MP Martin Bell. would break the convention that members of the Royal Family do not become in-

olved in party politics.
The Princess had talks with ier staff at Kensington Palace wernight, and made the decision not to attend the meeting ther she arrived home from he United States. A statement aid: "As the Princess has stated on a number of occaions, her involvement in the saues surrounding anti-peronnel landmines is exclusivey humanitarian.

The all-party private meetng was to have been an pportunity for the Princess to re further briefed on certain of he issues. Details of the neeting have, however, now een made public and a poliical dimension has been ntroduced to its purpose. As consequence the Princess's ttendance has been made

Members of the all-party andmines Eradication Group, actuding the chairman, the abour MP Frank Cook, will Princess at Kensington Palace. Mr Cook expressed anger about the decision "forced on" the Princess: "Most MPs are happy about her involvement. Twenty-five thousand people a year lose their lives while these small-minded backbenchers are arguing about details on

an unjustified basis. A close friend of the Princess said: "To say she feels extremely disappointed is an understatement. It seems she cannot do anything without sumeone using it as an excuse to attack her. She thinks it is astonishing that one or two politicians should try to turn this into a political issue. It is a humanitarian issue: anyone can see that. She felt she didn't want to detract from the meeting or have it turned into

6 It seems she cannot do anything without someone using it as an excuse to attack her **9**

a media circus. She is feeling very sad and frustrated."

David Wilshire, Conservative MP for Spelthorne, who had questioned the constitutional implications of the Princess's visit to the Commons meeting, said he was not

sorry that she had decided to

pull out. He said he was

sympathetic to the Princess's

national debate before any change in the constitutional position of the Royal Family to allow its members to attend political functions. However. George Foulkes,

views on landmines, but believed there should be a proper

junior International Development Minister, said during Commons questions: 'The Princess of Wales has helped to raise the profile of this issue and it is entirely regrettable she has had to withdraw because of pressure from Members opposite." A Downing Street spokesman said No lo had not been involved with the Princess's decision. The Princess has recently

addressed politicians on both sides of the Atlantic on the subject of landmines without attracting the ire of Tory MPs. Clare Short. International Development Secretary, was in the audience for the Princess's speech at the Royal Geographical Society two weeks ago. Elizabeth Dole, wife of the former Republican presidential candidate, joined the Princess's campaign in America against landmines. Neither event attracted such

"It seems that a very small number of people have managed to create a fuss out of nothing simply because they object to a member of the Royal Family entering the House of Commons," one of the Princess's advisers said.

It is understood that the tend the meeting was taken after wide consultation with



The Princess after arriving at Heathrow yesterday. Critics said her Commons visit would break royal protocol

Independent schools join in summer literacy scheme

BY DAVID CHARTER **EUCATION CORRESPONDENT**

WO independent schools yesteray joined the Government's sumner scheme to improve the literacy f children who attend state prima-

David Blunkett, the Education nd Employment Secretary, anounced their involvement after lews International, owner of The imes, made a donation of £250,000

Mr Blunkett said the donation would help 1,580 11-year-olds to attend classes during their holidays to improve their reading and writing skills before starting secondary

The two independents. Dulwich College in southeast London and King Edward's School in Birmingham, were yesterday named among 21 schools joining the 29 originals in the scheme. Mr strated the Government's desire to work with independent schools. which have been wary of Labour's

"This is a sign of our encourage ment of partnerships between independent and state schools so they can work together for the benefit of all the pupils in their areas," Mr Blunkett said at News Internation-

al's plant in Wapping, east London.

now fund a total of 50 schools and and offer twice as many pupils the opportunity to improve their read-

Les Hinton, executive chairman of News International, said: "The Summer Literacy Schools initiative gives children the opportunity to improve their reading skills at this crucial stage in their school career. This will allow them to enter secondary education on an equal

education that modern UK business

Hugh Wright, Chief Master at ling Edward's School, said his sixth formers would help teachers to give the children 50 hours of lessons. The school already runs weekend classes for local children.

"We were absolutely delighted to be asked to be involved. The Government could not have given a better signal of its plans for partner-

lessons on Saturdays for a number of years. "It is a natural extension of the Saturday school concept," he said. "I don't think we would see this as a way of trying to curry favour with any particular political party.

College, said it had run summer

but trying to provide a local A number of other companies are also helping the scheme, including Alton Towers, which is offering NEWS IN BRIEF

Man and sons die in cliff plunge

An accountant threw him self and his two sons, aged one and three, 400ft off Beachy Head, East Sussex. yesterday, killing them all. Police had been searching for John Chetwynd since his Vietnamese born wife. Hiet, was taken to hospital after being attacked with a baseball bat at home in Hayes, west London.

Boxer in court

Herbie Hide, former world heavyweight boxing crawling when he ap-Highgate, north London. The case against Hide, 25, from Norwich, was adjourned until August.

Passengers hurt

Ten passengers were hurt, none seriously, when a crowded rush-hour train hit the buffers at Victoria station. London.Railtrack launched an inquiry into the incident which in-volved the 6.51am from Ashford in Kent.

Bridge too far

Plans for a second road bridge to span the Forth were shelved by Malcolm Chisholm, the Scottish Transport Minister. The £150 million project was drawn up by the previous Government under the Private Finance Initiative.

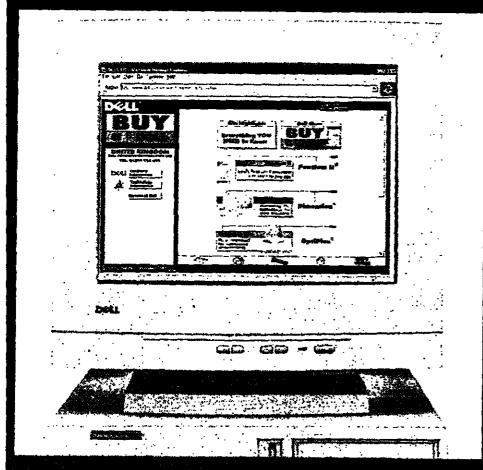
Widow wins

A widow given 28 days to leave Britain can stay. Karen Marlow, 32. of Wortwell, Norfolk, an American, was in the United States when her British husband died, Immigration officials said she had no right of residence.

Promise kept

Mark Payton, six, promised to invite Pat and Howard Duke to his wed-ding after they helped his family in Ibiza. Now 27 and a cabinet maker, he has married at Windsor Castle with the Sheffield

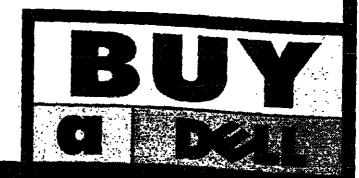
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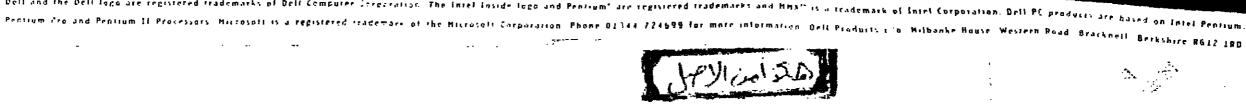


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I am worth every penny, says £12 m Dome supremo

By Valerie Elliott, whitehall editor

JENNIFER PAGE, chief executive of the Millennium Dome project, last night put up a staunch defence of her threeyear £500,000 salary package and said she was "worth very

The 53-year-old public service high-flyer authorised her company, Millennium Central to describe the are la of the tral, to describe the scale of the job and how she represented good value for money. A spokesman said that Miss Page was no "fat cat" and that she was in charge of one of the largest construction projects in the world.

It emerged that a last-minute deal between the former Government and the Labour Party before the election approved a £150,000 a year salary, plus £67,500 pension contributions, and a £45,000 success fee if the dome is opened on time and 10 million people visit it. Her spokesman said: "She was well-prepared for this flak and

knew the salary would be contentious. But she thinks she's worth every penny." She has to organise and

select the entertainment inside the dome, raise £190 million in sponsorship, and insure that ·10 million people visit the site within a year to raise cash from ticket sales and gate receipts. The spokesman said: You are talking about some-thing bigger than Euro-Disney or Alton Towers. It will be the biggest event in the world in 2000. The salary is considerably less than the market rate for such events."

It was emphasised that Miss Page was on a fixed-term contract and that her job ended towards the end of 2001. "She has personally been the driving force, keeping it all

Her package was also de-fended by senior Whitehall sources: "She has to achieve a specific result. No-one wants to be remembered as the

person who built the Dome that wasn't finished till 2001. Her performance bonus is being judged on that. If someone had come in from the private sector and took this salary, no one would have batted an eyelid."

Miss Page's precise job is a nationalised post created by the last Tory Government. Millennium Central is a limited company whose only shareholder is now Peter Mandelson, the Minister without

It is understood that the salary figure was left in the balance until just before the election and that Michael Heseltine, was called in to help broker the final deal with

Ministers are irritated about the continuing controversy over the Dome, pointing out that it is just one project with just £450 million of lottery money, while others were receiving £1.6 to £1.8 billion.



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Jennifer Page: in charge of one of the world's largest construction projects

Impresario of the West End to stage Greenwich show

By VALERIE ELLIOTT

THE theatre impresario Sir Cameron Mackintosh has been drafted in to save the troubled millennium exhibition. The Government will announce today that the creator of the West End shows Les Misérables and Miss Saigon will produce a musical as the centrepiece of the Greenwich Dome project.

His involvement with the controversial event is a coup for Peter Mandelson, the Minister without Portfolio, who within a week of being charged with rescuing the project has injected new energy and commitment into the millengium celebration.

The appointment is almost certain to pass the "Euan test". Tony Blair said last week that he wanted the Dome project to be so exciting that his teenage son would demand to see it.

Sir Cameron has promised to devise a show which will play for the whole millennium year in a theatre to be called the Drum Arena. He has asked one of his regular designers. John Napier, to

help to create a pageant for the new era. The Cabinet today will also

consider ideas from Chris Smith, the National Heritage Secretary, on how to ensure the exhibition has a permanent legacy, is exciting and will not be a drain on the

public purse.

Ministers are concerned that the national focus is on Greenwich, which will receive £450 million of National Lottery money, while some £1.8 billion is earmarked for regional attractions. They include the Eden centre at St Austell Cornwall the site for the world's largest glasshouse showing flora and fauna from around the globe, and the Lowry Centre on the waterside at Salford.

The success Millenium Dome represents a personal challenge for Mr Mandelson. His grandfather, the Labour minister Herbert Morrison, was nicknamed Lord Festival after bringing the 1951 Festival of Britain back from the brink of

Securicor staff barred after inquest verdict

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

SEVEN custody officers employed by Securicor were suspended from working with prisoners last night after an inquest found that lack of care contributed to the death of an inmate in a court cell.

The inquest was told that Peter Austin, 30. died by hanging in the cells at Brentford Magistrates' Court while awaiting a bail hearing on a burglary charge. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death but said that a lack of care contributed to the death of Mr Austin, a schizophrenic, who had been arrested on

Within an hour of the end of the inquest in Hammersmith, west London, the Prison Service said that the seven Securicor staff would be barred from working with prisoners. The certificates that allow them to work with prisoners have been suspended while an inquiry is held to decide whether they should be permanently revoked.

Hugh Taylor, director of administration and services for the Prison Service, said the authority and Securicor deeply regretted the death of Mr Austin, a father of three. In the light of the inquest verdict and the criticisms of the Securicor staff on duty at the time of Mr Austin's death, the Prison Service is suspending the certificates of seven Securicor staff." he said.

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The inquest was told that Mr Austin, the first person to die while in the care of Securicor, was left hanging from a light fitting for almost ten minutes because custody officers thought he was faking a

suicide attempt.
It was claimed that, as Mr Austin hung from his T-shirt. one Securicor custody officer said: "Cheeky bugger, he just winked at me." One officer allegedly told Mr Austin's lawyer: "If we are quiet and don't let him know we are here, he will move."

When the officers finally pronounced in good health and it was decided that a planned bail hearing should take place outside his cell. The magistrate and a Crown Prosecution Service official were brought to the cell.

The prosecution was told to start outlining its case but when Mr Austin did not move, a senior Securicor officer said he was obliged to check him. Thirty minutes later he was pronounced dead.

While in custody, Mr Austin who had disappeared from a hospital psychiatric ward, had attempted to cut his wrists and was examined by a police surgeon who prescribed a drug for his schizophrenia.

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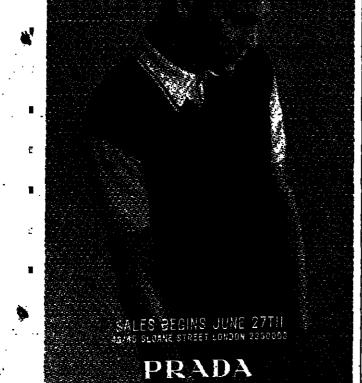
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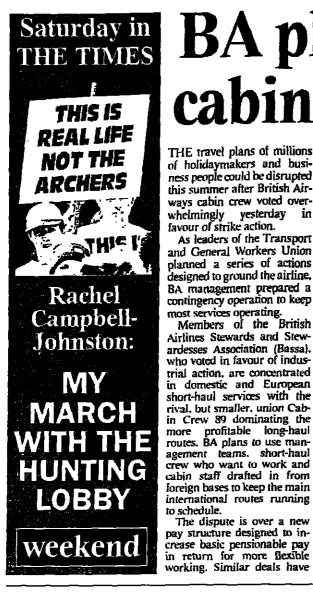
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Saturday in BA plans air defence as cabin crew vote to strike

THE travel plans of millions British Airways management is drafting of holidaymakers and business people could be disrupted in staff from abroad as it prepares for a trial of this summer after British Airstrength with more than 8,000 cabin crew over a pay dispute. Harvey Elliott reports ways cabin crew voted overwhelmingly yesterday in favour of strike action.

been accepted by nearly all other sections in the airline and BA insists that it will not make anyone worse off and could bring basic pay rises of up to 24 per cent.

As leaders of the Transport and General Workers Union

planned a series of actions

designed to ground the airline,

BA management prepared a

contingency operation to keep

Members of the British

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who voted in favour of indus-

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rival, but smaller, union Cab-

cabin staff drafted in from

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most services operating.

BA claimed that only 40 per cent of the total number of cabin crew have voted for strike action. The T&G-backed Bassa claimed that 6,400 members voted for industrial action with only 1,770 against

 a 73 per cent majority.
 George Ryde, the T&G's national officer for civil aviation, said that the ballot produced the largest-ever response. "Given the pressure of the management on people to vote 'No' this is a remarkable result," he said. "All we are demanding is that the company negotiates with us."

The dispute is over a new pay structure designed to in-There is long-running recrease basic pensionable pay in return for more flexible sentment among cabin crew over what they regard as

statements by management. Potential strikers were yesterday warned that they faced the sack and possible financial penalties for any losses BA

All 12,000 cabin crew members were sent a personal letter pleading with them to ignore any strike call and detailing ways in which they could get to work if they wished. The union is to meet on Monday to decide what action to take.

It will have to give BA seven days' notice of any action, which could take place in mid-July - almost certianly timed to coincide with the peak holiday season after schools have broken up.

If even a handful of the 12,000 cabin crew in the

airline walk out some cancellations or delays are inevitable because of CAA safety rules

face down any strike action and managers are confident that they can keep most flights operating. There is no strike announced yet so there is no need for any passenger to change travel plans at the

moment," a spokesman said. Bob Ayling, the British Airways chief executive, said last night that he was sad that Bassa had involved its members in a possible strike. "Many of our employees are already coming to us to help them come to work in the event of a strike," he said.

Cabin Crew 89, which says that it has seen its membership rise since the dispute began, accused the T&G of attempting to create "an old-fashioned image of toughness". Bassa insisted that it was reflecting the views of the vast majority of BA cabin crew. "By any democratic test it is clear that the members do not believe BA management when they say they will not lose out in this deal which has been imposed upon them," a



BA chief executive Bob Ayling and operations director Mike Street, left, yesterday

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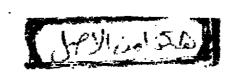
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Bingham calls for inquiry into crime and punishment

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chief Justice last night called for a Royal Commission to be set up into the effects of punishment on criminals, particularly young

Lord Bingham of Cornhill, the most senior judge in England and Wales, said that it was now widely believed that a "significant number of teenagers were dangerous and a menace to society".

The system of youth justice was under scrutiny but the police, the Crown Prosecution Service and the courts could not solve the problem of The time was ripe for a "comprehensive review" of crime and punishment either by a Royal Commission, or by reviving the Advisory Council on the Penal System. Lord

Giving the Prison Reform Trust's annual lecture, he said: The beginning of a new Parliament is the ideal moment for such an initiative." If such a commission could reach "authoritative conclusions" which commanded public and professional respect and were enacted, this Parliament "would earn an assured place in the history of this country".

Lord Bingham said that

there was a "small but identifiable core" of young offenders whose criminal conduct called for serious punitive sentences. "Nothing else will afford the public adequate protection, or satisfy the public that grossly anni-social behaviour is adequately punished." However, he added. "We should never lose sight of the human suffering so often involved.

Lord Bingham expressed support for the review that the Government is undertaking into the youth justice system, and for its moves to expedite the courts' handling of young legitimate interests of defendants and the independence of judges and magistrates were safeguarded. He also called for measures to be taken to divert young people from

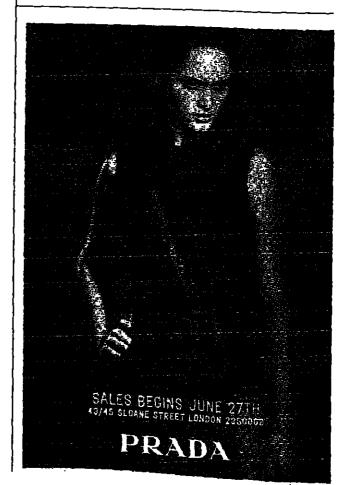
nity, and to tackle the root causes of offending. "By the time teenagers appear before the courts as persistent or serious offenders . . . the opportunity to divert them into more constructive and satisfying ways of life may well have been lost. That is why, in my opinion, every end ment and support should be

crime at the earliest opportu-

given to schemes aimed to save young offenders from being irretrievably sucked into the criminal process.

The factors which predisposed people to criminal activity were well known, he said. They related to family background, schooling, poverty and other social conditions. and when there were a number of adverse indicators, the chance was greater that a young person would become a persistent offender, he said. When offending began at a young age, the risk of a settled pattern of delinquency was

correspondingly greater.
It followed "that the public interest is best served by effectively addressing these problems which (if it can be done) will save the victims of crime much needless misery". This would allow young people to lead constructive and fulfilling lives, rather than offending and the public purse would be relieved of much of the cost of handling young criminals, who otherwise would go on to do more harm as adults.



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Peter Foster reports as science reconstructs look of past

THE faces of a high-ranking Egyptian man and a woman who died almost 2,000 years ago have been reconstructed from their skulls. The work by a scientist who helps police to identify bodies has shown that the painted portraits on their mummies were realistic

It has followed the discovery of a mix-up over the work of the great archaeologist Sir Flinders Petrie. He found the skulls and the mummy por-traits in 1888 in a burial pit at Hawara, southwest of Cairo, but the find was somehow broken up in Britain. The portraits have been at the National Portrait Gallery, but no one knew what happened to the skulls.

They were rediscovered after a chance encounter between Paul Roberts, Curator of Greek and Roman Antiquities at the British Museum, and Meredith Thompson, an archeology student at University College London. Dr Roberts mentioned the lost skulls in a lecture. Ms Thompson revealed that she was studying some of them for her undergraduate dissertation. They were lying in boxes in a London museum which was unaware of their real importance, although they were clearly labelled in Petrie's handwriting. The identity of



skulls was commissioned by

dating from 1st and 3rd centu-

Neave, Artist in Medicine and

Life Science at the University

of Manchester, was given the

skulls to work on, but was not

shown the portraits which

belonged to them, so that he

could not be influenced by

He spent two weeks painstakingly rebuilding the faces

in clay before casting the

heads in wax and bronze, with

the help of John Prag, Keeper

of Mediterranean Archaeolo-

gy at the Manchester Museum. When the work was

finished, the sculpted heads

were compared with the por-

Roman Egypt. Richard



the British Museum, which is work for the police, and reconstaging an exhibition of more structing the head of Lindow than 200 mummy portraits Man, an Iron Age man found in a peat bog near Manchester

Dr M.L. Bierbrier, Assistant Keeper of Egyptian Antiquities at the British Museum,

said that the project had clearly shown that the mummy portraits were intended as realistic depictions of their subjects. More than 1,000 of the portraits, painted on limewood, have survived.

Virtually nothing is known

people whose faces were so dramatically reconstructed by Mr Neave. Hawara was a provincial town roughly equivalent to Bath in Roman Britain, and the mummies are thought to be of local nobility

and high-ranking soldiers. Their presence in a pit

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suggests that they had been moved from their original burial-places to clear space for subsequent generations of fascination with heads.

He kept well over 60 in a Petrie imported 81 portraits. special room at his house 12 complete mummies and 65 which he called the "skullery" skulls. Nineteen of the skulls and, before he died in Jerusahave now been found. The lem, he asked for his head to

location of the remaining 46 be returned to England in a remains unknown. According to Dr Bierbrier, Petrie had a

☐ Ancient Faces: Mummy Portraits from Roman Egypt is at the British Museum. Great Russell Street, London, until July 20. For more infor-

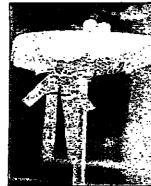


traits and found to bear an The reconstruction of the Crown on display after 4,000 years

By A STAFF REPORTER

A RARE Egyptian crown, kept in a sitting-room by a family who did not realise its value, went on show to the

The crown is thought to have been taken from the ieen Mentuhotep. who died 4,000 years ago. and there is only one other like it. The owner, a businessman from London, discovered its rarity a year ago when it was seen by an expert. The crown has been loaned



Fit for a queen: diadem

for 12 months to an exhibition at Highelere Castle, the family home of the Earl of Carnarvon, grandson of the 5th earl who helped Howard Carter to discover the tomb of Tutankhamun

Lord Carnaryon, who is the ucen's racehorse trainer said the silver crown was part of Egyptian displays at the castle to mark the 75th anniversary of the discovery of Tutankhamon's tomb. "It is an immense pleasure and privilege to have this beautiful and rare diadem at the castle," he said.

The burial crown is thought to have been taken from the bandaged head of the queen in her tomb near the Valley of the Kings, where Tutankhamun's tomb was found in 1922. It is believed to have been brought to Britain by the grandparents of the businessman who owns it.

Adrian Wiley, curator of the Highdere museum, near Newbury, Berkshire, said the owner had not been offered enough money to part with it but wanted it to be put on

Officer is jailed for RAF theft

By A STAFF REPORTER

A FORMER RAF officer who was in charge of finances at the largest base in Britain was iailed for three years yesterday for stealing \$60,000 from the

Oxford Crown Court was told that, after nine years as a captain in the Army, Donald Hadley, 41, joined the RAF as a flight lieutenant. He ran the accounts office at RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire until he left the service last August. After three bags of new dollar notes destined for Germany went missing, police discovered he had bought a new Volkswagen Golf for £17,000 with US dollars, and a further \$20,000 was found hidden in the kitchen at his home in Birmingham.

Hadley had denied bur-

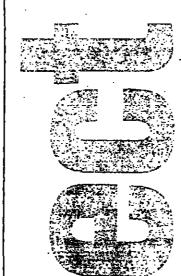
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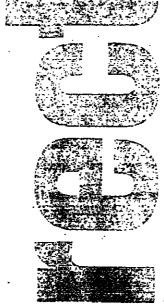
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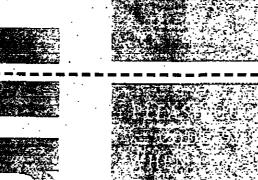
SMALL babies tend to grow up "apple-shaped", a study in link established by David Bar

ker and his team at South ampton University between low birthweight and the in creased risk of illnesses such as heart disease later on. In a study presented last week at Obesity in Dublin and report ed in New Scientist, of 250 adolescent girls, Professor Barker found that the lower their birthweight, the greater their tendency to accumulate fat around the middle, rather than on the hips and thighs. Preliminary results showed "Midriff fat leads to conditions that increase the risk of heart disease.

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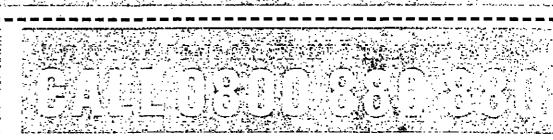
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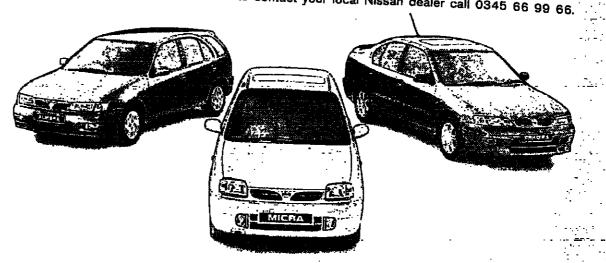
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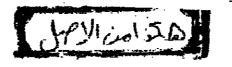
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Under-age drinker's death brings more calls for controls, says Richard Duce

were yesterday fined more £7.000 and lost their licence after selling alcopop to a 14-year-old boy who later died under the wheels of a

WITH A HISSAN

Graham Bailey, from Aughton, near Ormskirk, Lancashire, had been to a friend's fifteenth birthday party last November when he was among a group of teenagers asked to leave the Swan Hotel in Scarisbrick, near Southport, after they became rowdy. He was crossing the nearby railway line at an unmanned crossing when he was hit by a

Test later showed he had drunk enough to be three times over the drink-drive limit. Magistrates in Ormskirk were told that the youths had been supplied with Hooch - an alcoholic lemonade --

lager and spirits. Edward Moorcroft, 48, the

licensee, and his wife, Jeanette, 52, admitted a total of 18 offences between them of serving alcohol to underage teenagers and allowing children under 14 in a bar. Moorcroft was fined £6,410 and his wife £1.410 by Ormskirk magistrates, who described events as a flagrant abuse of the licensing laws. The dead boy's parents may now bring a civil suit against

the pair. Last night Alcohol Concern made fresh calls for controls on the way alcopops were being marketed. Their spokesman Lee Lixenberg said: "We want a much tougher regulatory system for the drinks trade to abide by, which has the full weight of the law.

"Realistically, there is often a very thin line between an 18year-old and someone much younger, which is why we want controls over alcopops so they are no longer attracting

those under 18." The people at the party in the Swan were aged between 13 and 19 and police said that the parents of some of the youngsters committed offences by buying drinks for children. They had been officially cautioned.

Graham's parents were not at the party. They spoke last night of their anger that Monrcroft and his wife let their only son drink. Olive Bailey, 40, said: "Graham was a bright, popular boy and a very keen sportsman. He had lots of friends and was normally very sensible. There is no way that he should have been served with alcohol in a

"On the night of his death he telephoned me from outside the Swan to say that he was all right. That was the last time that I ever spoke to him.

"I could accept it if Graham had got away with being served a glass of lager but in fact he was drinking all night. Even though Moorcroft has lost his licence we are very bitter and are consulting solicitors over whether to bring a civil action."

Graham, a third-year pupil at Ormskirk Grammar School, was particularly gifted in languages and planned to study French and Spanish university. His father, also Graham, 44, said: "We are waiting to hear our solicitor's view. If he advises that civil action is possible then we will go ahead. We are prepared to lose everything to get justice."

The officer in charge of licensing for South Lancashire, Sergeant Geoff Sumner. said the sentences were the heaviest he had known for liquor offences. He added: The sales of alcopop should be more controlled. I don't see how anyone can say they are targeted at anyone other than



Modahl's damages action 'doomed'

THE runner Diane Modahl faced a renewed attempt by the British Athletic Federation yesterday to block the damages action she launched against it after clearing her name of drugs allegations.

The federation was challenging a High Court ruling a year ago that the case could go ahead, despite defence arguments that it was doomed to failure. Modahl, 31, was at the Court of Appeal with her husband and coach, Vicente, to hear David Pannick, QC, for the federation, argue that her claim was "not sustainable in law".

The athlete is suing to recover the £480,000 she spent on legal and medical costs in challenging a fouryear drug ban imposed by the BAF after tests carried out in Lisbon in 1994. She seeks a similar figure in punitive damages over the way her case was handled. Judgment was reserved.

Irish school bars girl who sneezed in English

By Audrey Magee, ireland correspondent

A SCHOOLGIRL on an Irish language course in the west of Ireland was expelled for using English to apologise for sneezing. Michelle Hartnet, 17.

who was on the first of her three weeks at Colaiste na bh Fiann in Rosmuck, Co Galway, sneezed while having breakfast and quietly said "Pardon me." She was expelled for speaking in English and put on a train back to Dublin. Miss Hartnet said that she had arrived home in tears.

'I was sick and humiliated. I have spent the past 17 years trying to remember to say Pardon me' when I sneeze, and it just slipped shout it out but said it very quietly. I just forgot."

Every summer, thousands of schoolchildren at tend colleges in Gaeliespeaking areas to improve their grasp of the language, which all pupils must study. Miss Hartnet met the £280 fees with earnings from a weekend job.

She said: "I was so excited about going and really keen on learning Irish. But now I am thinking twice about it. It is a dying language and the Irish speakers should be encouraging

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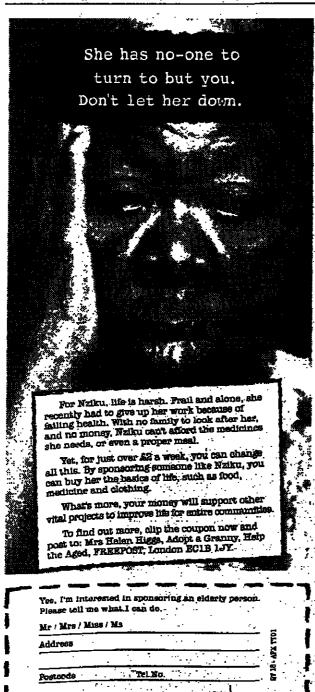
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eople to learn, not frightening the life out of them." About 4 per cent of people in the Republic speak Irish as their first language. Interest in the language has surged in re-

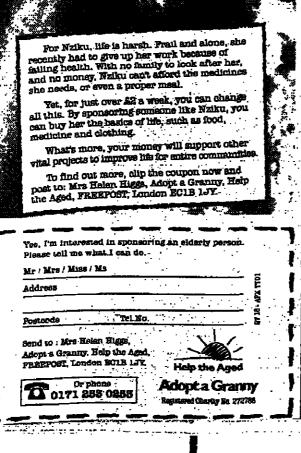
The college was accused yesterday of being too strict. However, it said that pu-pils were fully aware before joining the course that English was banned under all circumstances. A spokesman declined

to discuss the case of Miss Hartnet as her mother has threatened to sue to secure the return of her daughter's money. The spokesman said: "English rules. There is no

🗆 Irish people suffer dis crimination in Britain, where they are often viewed as lazy and stupid beavy drinkers and fraudsters, according to a report published by the Commission for Racial Equality yes terday. Some British people automatically assu that Irish people support the IRA, the report's author. Mary Hickman, said, adding that such assump tions were "deeply ounding".







Belfast girl takes tea at No 10

The Belfast schoolgirl who wrote to the Prime Minister pleading for peace in Northern Ireland took tea with him at Downing Street yesterday. Tony Blair had invited Margaret Gibney, 12, there after she wrote that she had only ever known one year of peace. Mr Blair cited her letter during interviews on American television. Margaret, a pupil at Mount Gilbert Community College, had written the letter as part of a school project. She also asked Mr Blair to nominate his favourite peace poem. He told her in a letter that he had chosen The Green Fields of France, by Eric Bogle, who died in the First World War. He presented Margar et, of the Shankill Road, with a recording of a setting of the poem by the folk group the Fureys.



Labour IRA guns offer puts Adams on the spot

Northern Ireland has turned the tables on Sinn Fein and removed any excuse republicans may have had for accusing Britain of obstructing the peace process.

At a stroke the Prime Minister has softened Britain's stance on the arms issue and guaranteed Sinn Fein a place at substantive political negotiations before any weapons have been handed over.

Sinn Fein and IRA leaders, who held a series of meetings in advance of yesterday's statement, will have to decide whether to take the constitutional road or to risk isolation by returning to the bomb and

Throughout the past three years of the peace process there has been much talk about "decision days" and moments of truth", but Gerry Adams knows that he faces a defining moment. Pat Do-herty, the Sinn Fein vicepresident who is highly respected within the IRA, responded favourably to the new

If the Sinn Fein president fails to convince IRA hardliners of Britain's

good faith, he may have to split

from them, reports Nicholas Watt

Anglo-Irish paper when he said that it removed the "decommissioning obstacle".

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joining constitutional talks.

Whether the IRA decides to follow his positive remarks with a ceasefire will depend on two factors. First, the Sinn Fein leadership will have to be satisfied that Britain is offering real talks which will fundamentally after the shape of Northern Ireland.

Adams are convinced of Mr Blair's intentions, they will have to pass the "Keenan test" hardliners, such as Brian Keenan, the convicted Belfast terrorist that Mr Blair has finally convened the long awaited "all-party peace talks". If Mr Adams fails to ing. Even though the paper says that decommissioning will happen only in parallel with substantive negotiations. Sinn Fein will be concerned that republicans may be forced to disarm before real

Republicans have dismissed commissioning conference" and they will be worried by

place once the full talks begin. Sinn Fein's sears about decommissioning will be seized on by republican hardliners who believe that Britain and the Unionists want to use decommissioning to force the IRA to surrender. Mr Keenan. one of the most inflexible republican leaders who was convicted in the 1970s for his part in the IRA's mainland campaign, spelt out the hardliners views on decom-

In their assessment of the Prime Minister's offer, Mr Adams and his fellow Sinn Fein leaders will be encouraged that they will be invited to the multiparty talks within six weeks of an IRA ceasefire. Republicans were infuriated last November when John Major refused to say how long he would wait after a ceasefire before allowing Sinn Fein to join the talks.

Sinn Fein will also be pleased that Mr Blair has set a deadline of next May for the talks. Republicans felt that the last Government was prepared to let Unionists string out the talks.

Sinn Fein's positive reaction to Mr Blair will be tempered by doubts about the Anglo-Irish paper on decommissionprogress has been made.

the Stormont talks as a "de-Mr Blair's insistence that decommissioning must take

missioning in a speech at the



Keenan: wants to know-if talks offer is genuine

Milltown Cemetery in West Belfast in May last year.

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To applause from the crowd, Mr Keenan said: "Do not be confused about the politics of the situation. The only decommissioning that will take place will be the British state in Ireland."

If Mr Adams overcomes his doubts about Mr Blair's offerand decides to follow the political path, he will have to convince the likes of Mr Keenan that there is a fresh opportunity for effective allparty talks. Hardliners are deeply sceptical about pursuing a political path because they say that the last ceasefire in 1994 failed to produce the much-vaunted talks.

If Mr Adams is encouraged by Mr Blair, he will have to convince the hardliners that conditions are even more favourable than in 1994, when it appeared that Washington, Dublin and the SDLP would put pressure on Britain to convene talks.

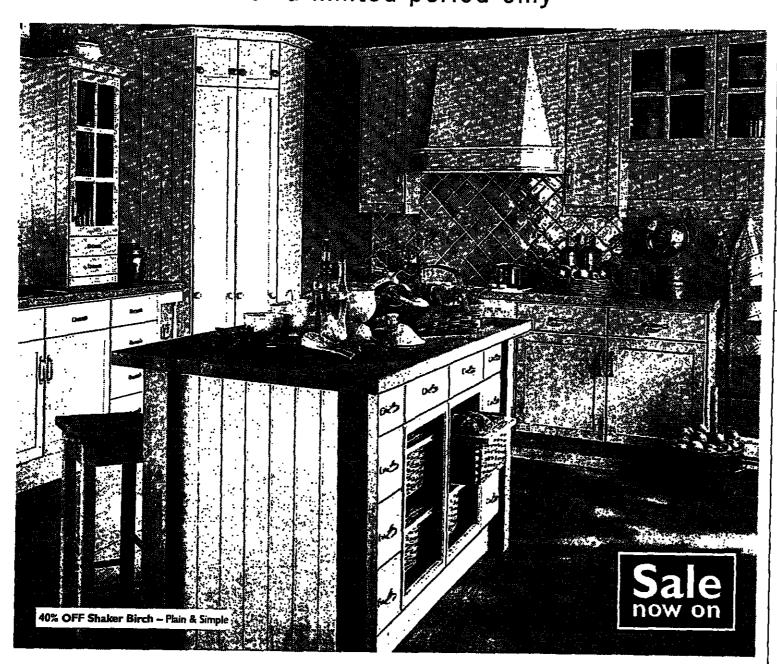
Republican leaders have been holding a series of meeting with activists throughout Ireland to brief them on their tactics, though they have stopped short of indicating whether there will be a ceasefire.

One republican in the notoriously hardline area of South Armagh said that the process was similar to the consultations before the 1994 ceasefire. The man, who did not want to be named, said: "Adams will have a hard time to convince the men with the guns down here. They want absolutely clear guarantees that the British will not mess around with a ceaselire in the way they did

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Talks timetable that may lift obstacles to peace CHIEF IRELAND mid-June. At the plenary ses-Northern Ireland and the CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR set out a rigid fimetable for the multi-party talks yesterday to reassure Sinn Fein that no party would be able to block progress.

In the Government's aidememoire, which was sent to Sein Fein on June 13, republicans were told that they would be invited to a plenary session of the talks six weeks after an unequivocal IRA ceasefire.

The paper said that Sinn Fein would be invited to the talks by the end of July if the

sion Sinn Fein would have to sign up to six principles of non-violence outline by Senator George Mitchell in decommissioning report.

in the absence of an IRA ceasefire, the Anglo-Irish decommissioning paper yesterday said that political parties should conclude the opening plenary session by the end of July. The talks would adjourn for the summer and resume on 15 September to begin negotiations on the future of Northern Ireland on inter-

party relations within North-

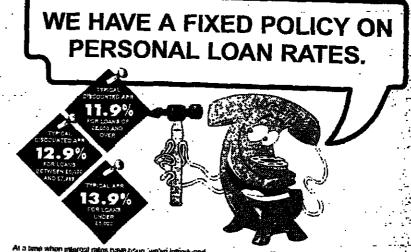
Irish Republic, and relations between London and Dublin. In the meantime an inde-

pendent body would be established to oversee the decommissioning of terrorist arms. This would report to a sub-committee of the main talks on progress on decommissioning on both sides of the Irish border.

The main plenary session of the talks would review progress on decommissioning and on the substantive talks every two months. The talks would conclude in May 1998







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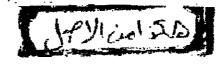
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Blair will head 'holy trinity' of TUC speakers

this year's annual TUC conference, demonstrating that the trade unions are back in from the cold. The shift in their fortunes will also be emphasised by speeches to the conference by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the head of Britain's main employers'

guns off In the sm

body, the CBI. Welcoming what some union leaders are dubbing the holy Trinity" of speakers at this year's conference, John Monks, TUC General Secretary, said that the Prime Minister's visit was a further indication of the new spirit of partnership that has marked Government's early

TUC leaders announced Mr Blair's plan yesterday. He will be the first Prime Minister to address a TUC conference since 1978 when James Callaghan surprised union and political leaders with his decision against calling an au-tumn general election. Widespread strikes followed in the 1978-79 "winter of discontent" leading to Labour's election defeat in May 1979 and 18 years of Tory

Some union leaders feared that Mr Blair, who insists that the trade unions will be treated with fairness but no favours, would snub the TUC by deciding not to speak to this year's conference, to be held in Brighton in September. Traditionally Labour leaders address the annual gathering every other year, and Mr Blair last spoke in 1995.

The Prime Minister has Howard Davies, now Deputy

decided to set his stamp on the autumn party political conference season by giving a speech to the TUC a fortnight before he addresses Labour's annual

Governor of the Bank of

England, became the first CBI

leader to address the TUC in

The TUC's announcements

coincided with the less encour

aging news for the unions of a

decline in membership. Total TUC membership, which stood at more than 13 million when Labour last left office,

fell last year to 6.7 million. Although the annual fall of 1.2

per cent marks a slowdown in

the rate of decline, member-

ship is still falling at a time

when employment is rising, opening up a widening gap between the number of trade

unionists and the number of

to counter this by training up to 20 new organisers at a TUC

Training Academy. The move,

which is aimed at boosting

recruitment, was agreed by the governing general council

The trade unions are trying

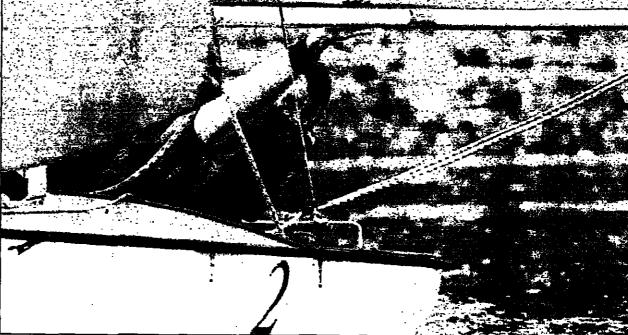
conference in Brighton. Mr Blair is expected to welcome the unions' support for a number of the Government's initiatives, including its weifare-to-work programme, which will be the centrepiece of next week's Budget. John Monks joined business leaders at 11 Downing Street yesterday to hear Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, appeal for them to support the programme.

Mr Blair is also expected to reiterate that the unions must not confuse their own role with that of the Government. He is likely, too, to highlight the tightness of public spending, which will be interpreted by the unions as a warning on

However, the unions' newfound place closer to the heart of policymaking will be emphasised by a speech to the TUC from George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr Carey will address the TUC on the same day as Mr Blair. The TUC's hopes of so-

called social partnership -European-style closer dialogue with business - will be strengthened with a speech to the TUC by Adair Turner. Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry. He is expected to spell out the readiness of business to work with unions on a range of common issues.

Mr Turner's predecessor.



Tory MP Peter Bottomley sailing to victory yesterday in a race on the Thames between the Commons and the Lords

Ministers rethink 'tartan tax' plan

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH AND JILL SHERMAN

LABOUR is having to rethink its plans to give a Scottish Parliament the powers to vary the basic rate of tax by 3p after realising that the proposal is an administrative minefield.

Party sources made clear that there was no intention of dropping what the Tories call the tartan tax, or watering down the

powers. But they conceded that original plans to give Scotland tax-varying powers needed to be revised to take into account changes since the scheme was proposed several years ago. Many fewer Scots now pay the basic rate, meaning a drop in the

expected revenue of about £450 million. Tony Blair has already said that Labour would not use its tax-raising powers during a first Scottish parliament. But the party has to come up with a

workable plan for future parliaments before the referendum this September. A government committee is now re-

viewing the plan so that details can be finalised in time for the White Paper on devolution expected to be published next month. Yesterday the Scottish Secretary, Donald Dewar, said: "There is no retreat. We hold to our commitment. The Parliament will have the power to vary income tax around the basic rate."

Defeated Tory ma stand for **Uxbridg**

BY POLLY NEWTON

THE former Transport M ter John Watts is being see a leading contender to t the Uxbridge by-election the Tories.

The seat was left vacan

the death of Sir Mic Shersby a week after election. His majority was Mr Watts, 50, lost Read East to Labour by 3,795 w He has expressed his inte in becoming the candidat Uxbridge and friends say would be well placed bec: he knows the area. He w member of the council nearby Hillingdon for Il y and was chairman of

bridge Conservative As: ation between 1973 and 19 The association has no drawn up a shorlist and t is no timetable for selecalthough a decision is exp ed next month. No date

been set for the by-election Labour's candidate is drew Slaughter, 36, a br, ter. Keith Kerr, a ger-manager for British Airw will stand again Liberal Democrats.

Labour suspends two accused MPs

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR'S ruling body yes-terday suspended two MPs from holding party office in a the matter further. further sign of Tony Blair's Mr Sarwar, MP determination to take a tough line on financial "sleaze".

Labour MP alleged to have bribed a rival candidate, and Bob Wareing, the MP alleged to have failed to declare a financial matter in the Register of Members' Interests, have effectively been banished have been suspended from the parliamentary party and told to be absent except when summoned for key votes.

The two MPs are also to be referred to Sir Gordon Downev, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, to see whether he wishes to take

Mr Sarwar, MP for Glasgow Govan, is also the subject of a police investigation but will be cleared of paying an election rival £5,000 to fight a losing campaign against him.

pool West Derby, was sus-pended from the PLP last National Executive Commited him from holding office or representing the party. Mr Wareing, who is alleged to have accepted payments from a firm in Serbia, has demied any wronggoing.

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Halford victory over bugged office phones

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

ALISON HALFORD, the former assistant chief constable who waged a long battle over sex discrimination, won a European Court case yesterday over the tapping of her telephone, which could herald new privacy laws in Britain.

In an unanimous decision, the nine judges of the Euro-pean Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg upheld a com-plaint by Miss Halford that calls from her office in Merseyside, where she held her oost, had been intercepted in breach of her right to privacy. They also ruled that Miss Halford, who ten years ago was the highest-ranking woman police officer in Britain, had no avenue for her complaint. They awarded her £10,000 compensation.

The verdict will force the Government to review phone-tapping laws to comply with the the Human Rights Consignatory. In particular it will prompt a review of how the law should protect the privacy of employees, as Miss Halford's calls were made

The civil rights organisation Liberty, which backed Miss Halford, said it was an important case which would require changes to the law. John Wadham. Liberty's director, said: "Senior police officers were spying on one of their own employees while she was fighting a sex discrimination case against them. The case establishes a clear right to privacy for employees and the Government will now need to draft legislation to protect this right." Any new laws should encompass more than telephone tapping at work, he said. They should embrace email and other electronic com-

Yesterday's victory for Miss Halford marks the end of a six-year battle which began when she claimed she been the Merseyside force nine times because of her sex. She launched a discrimination claim in 1990 and alleged that police then ordered the tapoing to try to discredit her.

Government lawyers accepted that there was a "reasonable likelihood" that Miss Halford's office telephones had been bugged after a dispute over her promotion prospects. But they said that any such taps were not a breach of her rights because

But the Strasbourg judges said that Miss Halford had a privacy in making and receiving calls at work and there was no evidence that she had been warned that her tele-phone might be bugged. The court ruled that the taps were probably ordered in connec-tion with her discrimination claims. But it rejected claims that Miss Halford's telephone at her home in Caldy, on the Wirral, had been bugged. Her discrimination case



was resolved with a six-figure settlement in 1992. after her suspension on full pay amid allegations of misconduct concerning claims that she swam

But the Interception of Communications Tribunal threw out Miss Halford's separate case in which she claimed that the Special Branch bugged her office at Merseyside police headquarters and tapped her home telephone on the orders of the Home Secretary.

The tribunal said it was satisfied there had been no contravention of the Interception of Communications Act, and refused to clarify whether the interceptions had taken place or whether they had been authorised by the Home

Miss Halford's MP saying that eavesdropping by Merseyside Police on their own telephone system was outside the scope of the Act and would not require a warrant. Now a review of the interception of calls by employers is likely.

Miss Halford's solicitor. Robin Makin, said she was delighted by the outcome. The principle has been established that an improper invasion of her privacy occurred. It will have tremendous implications. She is extremely delighted to have had such a

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, is considering the court's ruling. "He is looking carefully at whether or not any changes are needed to the law," a Home Office spokeswoman said.

The Merseyside Chief Constable. Sir James Sharples, said: "No agency can ever confirm or deny [whether telephones are tapped, because to do so would undermine the effectiveness of the technique.

"The central issue, it seems is that Miss Halford accepted that English law does not prohibit intercepts of office telephones. She therefore took pean Court to ascertain whether that omission was a breach of European law.

"The European Court has concluded that interception of office telephones would be a breach of privacy and that existing English law does not cover such telephones, but ought to. I believe the Government is now considering the implications of the

Chief Constable urged to explain his action

By Russell Jenkins

LAWYERS for Alison Halford yesterday called on Sir James Sharples, the Chief Constable of Merseyside Police, to make an immediate public explanation of his conduct during her battle over sex discrimination They said his actions brought discredit to the

Miss Halford said: "Rather than offering a compromise, the Chief Constable of Merseyside embarked upon a ruthless and covert campaign designed to discredit me, my reputs career. I have already published my concerns that certain tactics utilised amounted to extremely

improper behaviour. For a very senior vesdrop on a member of his team, to gather material to use against me in my discrimination fight, was a serious

"With the help of my lawyers, I have achieved a remarkable victory both personally and for the general public who are given scant protection to the right of privacy.

'I have proved comprehensively that I was unethical chief officer who had a total veto over my said. "His behaviour fell far short of what the police and public expects of its

Miss Halford hailed the judgment of the European Court of Human Rights as a "remarkable victory". She said at her lawyers office in Liverpool that she was alerted to the telephone taps by a 'tinkling" on the line.

Miss Halford, a Labour county councillor in Flintshire and a member of the North Wales Police Authority, apologised to £3 million to £4 million which she believes it cost to fight her case. Justice was important, she said.

She condemned as "weasel words" Sir James's terse statement that no agency could confirm or deny such matters as telephone tapping because such a move would undermine the effectiveness of the technique.

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Husband fights 'warts and all' book on murdered journalist

IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE husband of the murdered Irish journalist Veronica Guerin says he is appalled that a "warts and all" account of her work is to be published ater this year.

Graham Turley, whose wife was shot dead a year ago today as she was investigating a Dublin criminal gang. is trying to stop people co-operat-ing with the author, Emily O'Reilly, a well-known Irish journalist.

Ms Guerin. 33, was heralded as a hero outside Ireland, receiving a number of posthumous awards, including British journalist of the year. Many of the awards were accepted on her behalf by her son. Cathal.

In Ireland, however, opinion has been divided on whether Ms Guerin was a brave journalist exposing the criminal underworld or a naive woman who did not realise the danger she was in. Many people, including her brother, James, feel her death could have been easily prevented if her newspaper. The Sunday Independent, had taken action to protect her and

'rein her in" Ms O'Reilly, political editor of the Sunday Business Post. said that the truth had to be told about Ms Guerin and her relationship with the newspaper. The public telling of Veronica's story and the private telling are very different. In the past year, anybody who put their head above the parapet and tried to question



Graham Turley with his wife and son. He is angry that he was not consulted

her way of working, or the newspaper she worked for, was shot down.

"Veronica was not a saint. She was a very public figure who died in a very public manner and questions need to be asked and answered."

While describing Ms Guerin as an exceptional journalist, Ms O'Reilly will portray the reckless and obsessive side of her character and seek to discover whether she might have been used by her news-

paper to increase sales. Mr Turley said Ms O'Reilly. whose journalism is well re-garded in Ireland, was not a close friend of his wife and knew little about her, "I am disgusted that this individual

has gone ahead with this book without contacting me or various other members of Veronica's family. I stated last December that I did not want any books or films to be produced on Veronica in such a short time after her death."

Ms Guerin interviewed most of the Dublin criminals who lived in open splendour on the proceeds of illegal drug dealing. Despite being shot in the leg in 1995, she carried on with her investigative work. Then in June last year two men on a motorbike pulled up beside her car at traffic lights on the outskirts of Dublin and

shot her five times. The killing prompted a clampdown on crime and, in

the ensuing 12 months, the murder rate has fallen by half and more than 100 firearms have been seized. About El million in assets have been confiscated, including houses and cash stashed in bank accounts in Ireland and abroad. Almost 200 people have been arrested and leading criminal figures have fled the country. Assistant Com-missioner Tony Hickey said: There is no doubt that the investigation has been a suc-

cess. The rate of crime is down dramatically." Paul Ward, 32, from Dublin, has been charged with Ms Guerin's murder. Patrick Holland was arrested and charged with drug offences.



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, Briton who killed Bosnian refuses offer of freedom

A FORMER Royal Marine offered a conditional discharge from his three-year sentence in Sarajevo prison has opted to stay behind bars. demanding a pardon or retrial from the Bosnian state.

Cy Mackintosh was found guilty by a military tribunal last year of the manslaughter of his battalion commander in the Bosnian Green Berets. He is the only Westerner known to be in jail in Bosnia.

The 34-year-old from Blackpool insists he is innocent. He says he knows too much for the comfort of the Bosnian authorities and accuses the British embassy of ignoring him. "I'm an embarrassment to both," he said in an interview,

A former marine, Mackintosh refuses to discuss his British military career. After leaving the Army in 1989, he says he worked as a computer programmer in Zagreb, where he joined the Croatian Army as an instructor after the rise

💃 of nationalism. In 1992, while protecting journalists on a journey from Split to Zenica, heavy fighting in Bosnia left him trapped behind enemy lines. He joined the Green Berets, one of many Bosnian paramilitary groups. and fought near Breza,

In December, having been awarded the Zlatni Ljiljan, Bosnia's highest military honour, he was evacuated to Britain with a stomach injury. "We were fighting tanks with He returned briefly to Bos-



A former marine claims that he has been mistreated by the state that he fought for, writes Tom Walker from Sarajevo

nia in 1994 with an Australian cameraman and came back again in 1995 in the hope of rejoining his former unit. Unhappy with his battalion commander, he was promised a job as an army instructor after the Dayton peace agreement. While convalescing in Britain, he converted to Islam,

6 He could go home tomorrow if he would sign a piece of paper, but he wants a retrial 9

taking the name Safet. He does not consider himself a mercenary, but a Bosnian soldier with wartime citizenship, and said he fought in Bosnia because of a "belief in principles, in justice". He speaks fluent Serbo-Croat.

On New Year's Day, last vear, he wanted to go into Zenica, the nearest town, for a drink. After fighting with the battalion security guard, Mackintosh says, "a gun was

pulled on me". In retaliation, he drew a hand grenade and demanded to see the battalion commander. According to Mackintosh, the commander smashed me across the face and grabbed it".

In the explosion that followed the commander was

killed and Mackintosh was severely injured, with shrapnel wounds to the head. Since then, he claims, he has been mistreated by the Bosnian state. He says that while being taken for a brain scan in Sarajevo he was beaten by military police. International observers demanding to see him were marched out of Zenica hospital at gunpoint. His court martial, he said, "descended into pantomime".

Last September Mackintosh and 40 other prisoners began a rooftop protest at Zenica's "KP Dom" prison over conditions. "We were eating lentils, there were 25 to a room, armed guards, forced drug therapies, labour camps," he said. "I have no fear of a retrial, if

everything is done properly." he said. "Witnesses must be called, including a ballistics expert. What sort of soldier goes to kill his commanding officer and ends up almost as badly injured himself?"



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where he admitted he was "treated like Tito".

A guard said: "He is the only one demanding to go the mosque on a Friday. He wants

fields and fresh air - and yet he compares it to a concentration camp. There are no limits to his attitude. He could go home tomorrow if he would

needs new proof. The fact is that he did what he did and a Bosnian would have been given a sentence." much

Mannheim: Peter Graf, right.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Canada unlikely to hold Pol Pot trial

Ottawa: Canada has all but rejected an American request to have Pol Pot, the Khmer Rouge leader, tried in the country for Cambodian crimes against humanity (Richard Cleroux

Jean Chrétien, the Canadian Prime Minister, said yesterday that the American request would have to be approved by the United Nations Security Council. That, in effect, kills any likelihood of the former Cambrdian leader being tried in Canada because China has a veto on the council and would prevent Pol Pot facing justice.

The Americans want to send in a strikeforce, capture Pol Pot and try him. Canada is one of the few countries with laws allowing prosecutions for crimes against humanity by foreign citizens. However, it does not allow kidnapping.

Yeltsin suspends minister

Moscow: President Yeltsin has suspended Valentin Kovalyov, his Justice Minister, pending an investigation into media allegations that he was filmed in the sauna of a gangland nightclub with naked women. The monthly newspaper Sovershenno Sekretno (Top Secret) published last week grainy snaps taken from a video which it said showed Mr Kovalyov in the sauna in September 1995. Mr Kovalyov. a former Communist who became Justice Minister in January 1995, has denied any wrongdoing and said he had asked the President to suspend him from duties while he cleared his name. The Russian Government had asked Mr. Yeltsin to sack Mr Kovalyov over the allegations rather than just suspend him. (Reuter)

Fifth suicide in sex case

Mācon: A fifth suspect has committed suicide after being caught in a nationwide anti-paedophile operation by police last week that has sparked a row over publicity. The unidentified man, a teacher, was found hanged in Royan, southwest France, after being named among more than 200 suspects indicted after the police operation. Four previous suicides last week sparked a dispute over the publicity given to the anti-paedophile action. One family is planning to sue police. Among the others to take their own lives were a manager and a disabled man. In the latest case, the man had been charged with handling paedophile videos. (AFP)

Peter Graf ordered to jail

father of the German tennis star Steffi Graf, will go back to prison next month to serve the remainder of his sentence for fraud, the Mannheim prosecutor's office said. Graf, 58, was sentenced to three years, nine months in prison on January 24, but was free, as was his former tax adviser and co-defendant, Joachim Eckardt, pending appeals. The appeals were dropped last week. (AFP)



210 killed in Sri Lanka

Colombo: About 60 soldiers and 150 rebels were killed in the latest battle in northern Sri Lanka, where troops are fighting Tamil Tiger separatists to try to open a key road, the Defence Ministry said. Another 68 government soldiers were wounded. More than 1,000 Tiger rebels had attacked the military's artillery and mortar positions near Periyamadu, north of the government-held town of Vavuniya. The attack, the second in two weeks, failed to capture artillery or cut supplies to troops farther north. (Reuter)

House warns Clinton not to keep US troops in Bosnia there have been no fatalities, there next June. Members took the opporthe failure by all three Bosnian

By IAN BRODIE AND MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

PRESIDENT CLINTON has been sent a pointed warning by Congress not to prolong the stay of America's peacekeeping forces in Bosnia.

The House of Representatives voted by 278 votes to 148 to cut off any funds for the troops beyond their scheduled departure date of June

Mr Clinton has said he is commit-

ted to the pullout date but wants to retain some flexibility and would veto any attempt to write it into the Defence Bill. The Senate version of the Bill contains no similar provision and any attempt to overcome Mr Clinton's veto would require a twothirds vote of both House and Senate.

The House amendment was a chance for nearly all the Republicans and 57 of Mr Clinton's fellow Democrats to express their unease over the Bosnia commitment and Mr Clinton's decision last year to extend the deployment of US troops until

tunity to throw barbs at America's Nato allies for not carrying a greater share of the burden to police trouble spots close to their own doorsteps. Congressman Barney Frank, a Democrat, asked: "Can they do nothing by themselves? When we're talking about problems 100 to 200 miles from their border, this group of wealthy nations acts like a bunch of teenagers

that hides behind the United States." American forces comprise more than a third of the 31,000 Nato troops in and around Bosnia and although

are concerns in Congress over the growing cost - estimated to total billion (£4.2 billion). In London, Robin Cook, the For-

eign Secretary, said yesterday that he was still hopeful that there would be an American military commitment to Bosnia beyond 1998. But he made clear that if the Americans withdrew, the other allies would not keep troops in the area. "Continued international support requires the presence of the Americans," he said.

He underlined Western anger at

national leaders to implement the terms of the Dayton peace agreement and said they had all sought to delay and impede the formation of a single state. That was disturbing because there were only 12 months left before the allied troops were due to leave. However, he said he had never

known such unity among the allies, who had all used "robusi" language to warn the Bosnian leadership of the political and economic consequences, including reimposed sanctions, of failure to carry out their obligations.

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Papon: charged with deporting Jews

Delay threat in Papon trial

Bordeaux: The trial of Maurice Papon, facing charges of deporting Jews during the Second World War, could be delayed because of a lack of money to complete renovaofficials said yesterday. The announcement was criticised by lawyers for the families of deported Jews, who said France could be viewed as trying to protect M Papon, 86, the highest-ranking Vichy official to face charges of crimes against humanity. His trial was to begin in October. (AP)

Nigeria ban must stay, says Cook

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

BRITAIN would veto any attempt to lift the suspension on Nigerian membership of the Commonwealth. Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, announced yesterday, adding that nothing had happened to justify such a move.

"Nigeria is for the moment outside the Commonwealth and should stay outside the Commonwealth," he said. Any change would depend on Nigeria's making "very serious progress" on restoring democracy and improving its human

rights record.
The eight-man Common-wealth Ministerial Action Group, chaired by Stan Mudenge, the Zimbabwean Foreign Minister, meets in London on July 10 and 11 to take further evidence from human rights groups and others on the situation. It will also draw up recommenda-tions to the Commonwealth summit in October on what to do about the country, as well as the military governments in Sierra Leone and Gambia.
Britain is represented on the action group by Tony Lloyd, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, who in opposition was outspoken in condemning the military Government of General Sani Abacha, calling for tougher sanctions.

Mr Cook, voicing for the first time since coming to office Britain's opposition to any Nigerian return to the Commonwealth, said that the country was an interesting example of how economic progress was dependent on political freedom. "Nigeria should be the second richest country in Africa. What holds it back is a corrupt regime and very poor standards of gover-

nance," he said. The action group may meet once more on the eve of the Commonwealth heads of gov-ernment meeting in Edinburgh. Canada and Britain are the hawks pushing for a tough line, but some African members appear to be weakening and suggest that General Abacha has already begun enough moves towards a res-toration of democracy.

For valour, a necklace of flies

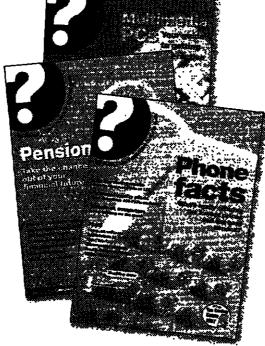
Cairo: Egyptian archaeolo-gists working in the Nile Delta have found a necklace of golden flies thought to be a military decoration awarded by the Pharaoh Ahmose more

than 3,500 years ago. The necklace, with 19 pendants in the shape of flies, was found in excavations at Tell Basta, an important site about

45 miles from Cairo. The archaeologists found it alongside a cartouche inscribed with the name of Ahmose, the founder of the dynasty which later brought ancient Egypt to the peak of its power and prosperity. The pharaoh ruled from 1570 to

The head of the archaeological mission, Mahmoud Omar, speculated that the owner of the necklace won it for mili-tary service against the Hyksos, Asian invaders expelled by Ahmose after they had ruled northern Egypt for 200 years. He said this type of fly necklace was characteristic of Ahmose's time, but examples existed from periods. (Reuter)

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Fire bombs mark French oyster war

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

AN OYSTER war has broken out in southern France, with farmers insulting attacking and firebombing each other around the once-peaceful shores of Thau lake.

Three oyster-gatherers have petrol and set alight. The old world where young entrepre-

hands around the lake, near Montpellier, on the Mediterthe violence. Police say they cannot identify the culprits and fear further attacks.

"It is hard to believe, but we used to get on fine together." a producer said yesterday. He said the conflict was started stopped work this month after by the failure of family farms their stalls were doused with to adapt to a competitive

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supermarkets try to force down prices. The oyster war illustrated

French resistance to the modern market economy, he said. Generations of oyster-gatherers have worked at the lake where 800 farms employ 4,000 people, selling produce worth about Fr450 million (£46 million) a year. The nature of the industry

is such that 62 per cent of farmers had parents who did the same job. The mineralrich waters of the lake enable oysters to grow to full size in about two years, twice as quickly as in the Atlantic.

"It is nice work," the producer said. "We are outside, the weather is good in this part of the world and it is not too difficult. It only takes about a month to learn how to oroduce an ovster."

Therein lies the problem. Hérault, the département in which the lake is situated, has the worst unemployment rate

neurs want to move in and pared with a national average of 12.8 per cent. Young jobless people are tempted to prise open the closed world of oyster-gathering, borrowing heavily to buy ropes and cages in which the oysters They started to undercut

the rest of us to sell their produce and we have all had to follow," the producer said. "If you are only just surviving, you have only one outlet for your oysters and someone else starts selling to the same place, you can imagine how you feel." He added: "What is more, the number of outlets has been reduced greatly in recent years. There are now only about ten big supermarkets who buy all our oysters. They pay what they want."

Like most locals, he believes newcomers hit by the price war are behind the attacks this month on his colleagues. Joseph Coste, Remy Vatiuone and Jacky Dutil.

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World Cup dilemma over Nazi-era ruin. Col

AS GERMANY beefs up its bid to host the 2006 football World Cup, a row has broken out over the venue that is supposed to be the centrepiece of the contest: Hitler's rundown Olympic stadium.

The problem which has to be unknotted over the next five days is whether to tear it down, give it a facelift, or build a new stadium near by.

The stadium was built for the 1936 Olympics which the Nazis tried to convert into a showcase for their theories of racial purity. The success of black American athletes, including the sprinter Jesse Owens, upset the calculation and Hitler ostentatiously refused to present the medals.

During the war, part of the stadium was used by the Blaupunkt company to make weaponry. Later it was used as a tobacco store and then became part of the complex that served the British military government. Thriller writers such as Len Deighton place probably correctly - the Cold War headquarters of British military intelligence in the offices bordering the stadium.

Some of the Hitler-era stat-Breker's "Decathlete" as peeling monuments to Aryan hero worship, but the stadium is in poor condition. The masonry from the supposed Thousand Year Reich has become soft and crumbly. The 100-yardlong tunnel from the changing room to the arena is covered with mould. Steel props are holding up the outer walls and water is leaking everywhere. The VIP platform is shored up with temporary building work and something more stable will have to replace it. engi-

The plan of the German Football Federation is that either the opening game or the final of the 2006 World Cup should be played in the stadium. When the German Football League championship final was played in Berlin recently it became clear how much work was needed to

bring it up to standard.
The problem is money, Neither the German Government nor the Berlin Senate has enough to finance the reconstruction. Berlin is supposed to decide by next Monday whether to buy the stadium and its surrounding area from the Government (which took it over when British troops withdrew from Berlin).

Central to Berlin's financial arithmetic is how much Bonn is willing to pay. Eberhard



The flame being carried

Diepgen, the Mayor of Berlin. is in favour of building a large glass or plastic roof over the stadium and revamping the interior. That would cost about DM660 million (about £230 million).

An alternative, favoured by senior German sporting officials, is that a new stadium is constructed on the so-called May Field - where British officers used to play polo until recently - next to the old stadium. Building from scratch would cost about DM400 million. According to these calculations, the Olympic Stadium would become a sports museum. But extra funds would still be needed to

keep it standing. Another option is the so-called "Wernbley Stadium" model, in which the outer walls would be retained, while the rest would be rebuilt. That, too, would be very expensive.

The dilemma of those favouring a facelift over the bulldozer is that they might end up looking like defenders of Hitler's monumental creation. The stench of the Nazi era, 63 years after the Games. still hangs around the ter-races. It has not been helped by Berlin's unsuccessful bid to stage the 2000 Olympics - which prompted a revival of Leni Riefenstahl's film footage of 1936 - and by a quiet glorification of the sporting achievements of the Hitler

A plaque has been set up in the stadium honouring Carl Diem, the chief organiser of the 1936 Games. As Berlin collapsed in April 1945, Diem put together a Hitler Youth Division which tried and failed to win back the stadium from Soviet soldiers. About 2,000 teenagers died in the attempt. The plaque does not



Spectators give the Nazi salute as the US team parades at the Berlin Olympics, intended by Hitler to demonstrate Aryan supremacy.

Intemperate outburst lands Germany's Chancellor in the mire

BY ROGER BOYES

HELMUT KOHL. for the first time in more than 14 years of ruling Germany, has taken public issue with a report about him in a German news magazine, demanding the right of reply.

Two weeks ago Stern magazine carried a cover story on the rapidly softening contours of the euro in which it claimed that Herr Kohl in a closed meeting with parliamentarians - described the grassroots of his Christian Democratic Party as "clever shits".

"This claim is false," said a letter from the Chancellor, which the magazine published. "I did not criticise the grassroots of the Christian Democratic Union." Rather. he was sympathising with deputies who face criticism about the Benn crisis from local constituencies on returning home at weekends. In that context, the Chancellor concedes, he said: "I read many clever-shit [klugscheisserndel newspapers which claim to know everything."

Stern, having printed the letter, refuses to let the matter rest. Today it carries a full transcript of Herr Kohl's words to his deputies. "I read many clever-shit newspapers which claim to know everything. And I know there is a great deal of unease. I say quite plainly, I know how it is: you go back on

Fridays and attend the constituency association meeting, and they are all sitting there ... and they say, what are you up to, and to stay in the blunt idiom of the Palatinate, they say - What kind of shit

are you actually doing in Bonn?" The language has upset local Christian Democrats. The backbone of the party's support is still in the churchgoing population of small towns and villages. Other chancellors, notably but not exclusively Willy Brandt, were capable of extravagant oaths but only in private. The Chancellot, in trying to make amends, has sunk deeper in the mire.

Perhaps because of his crushing schedule recently - an unsatisfactory Franco-German summit followed by a difficult Amsterdam summit, crisis sessions in Bonn, the Denver and New York summits - Herr Kohl has been very irritated. Usually such outbursts

on the fringes of the Amsterdam summit, for example, he fired loose verbal cannons at Edmund Stoiber, the Bavarian leader, in effect accusing him of undermining Bonn's struggle to start up

That attack has played into the hands of Herr Stoiber, who shot back yesterday in an interview with the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, saying he was not afraid

are kept within a closed circle. But - of an open-confrontation with the ☐ Untimely gift: Herr Kotil plans

to return a Rolex watch he was given as one of the world leaders at the "G8" summit in Denver last week. Tony Blair turned down his watch, and President Chirac will donate his to an exhibition of presidential gifts. President Clinton and his counterparts from Russia Tand Canada accepted theirs. (Reuter, AFP)

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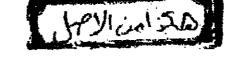
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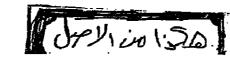
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Colony's police send 'racism' plea to Queen

EIGHT Hong Kong Chinese police officers with full British passports have petitioned the Queen to allow them to retire on full pension, like their white colleagues, before the handover to China.

They told The Times last night that although they had heen warned officially that they may be charged with "desertion" - an imprisonable offence - if they fail to report for duty on July 1, they will refuse to serve "the communist government".

In the petition to the Queen on June 16, the eight, two of whom are second generation policemen and women, who have an average length of service of 20 years, wrote: "We have been awarded Long Service Colonial Police Medals for our long and dedicated service to the Crown.

"We do not want to switch our loyalty and cannot serve the Police Force of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of Communist China. Loyalty is a personal essence which has frequently been neglected or overlooked in modern times."

The officers, who have also personally petitioned the Governor in Hong Kong and the Foreign Office, contend that it is unjust that about 250 of their white colleagues, whose only

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recruited in Britain, have been allowed to retire before the handover with full pensions and compensation awards ranging up to

They all took their oaths and underwent police training in Hong Kong. The eight con-tend that none of the 2,000member Local Inspectors' Association was told of the offer, which was made secretly to the white officers, and that when the local officers, who have British passports, learnt of the deal and protested, they were told in a judicial review that they should have applied

Chik Ki-wai, a spokesman for the group, said last night: We didn't even know about this deal until 1995. How could

Mr Chik has been a frequent visitor last year and this to London, where he has seen officials in the Foreign Office and, before the election, Labif the officers were permitted to resign with full pensions, the British Government would be placed under great pressure to provide the same benefit to all Hong Kong civil servants who hold British That amounts to at least 50,000 civil servants in all branches, including hundreds of police, who were given their passports in 1991 because they

our Party frontbench spokes-

men on Hong Kong. In a letter

to his group, on March 10. Jeremy Hanley, then the Min-

ister of State with responsi-

bility for Hong Kong, said that

were in "sensitive positions". In 1995 when the inspectors' association learnt of the secret arrangement for their white colleagues, they resolved unanimously that the matter was unfair and should be protested against. Since then, the association has decided not to bring action as a group, but to support any individuals who demand equal treatment from London.

Mr Chik said he was sympathetic to government fears that if hundreds of officers resigned before the handover, Hong Kong would be de-stabilised. "But this has been racist legislation," he said.

The eight say they were thrown into "terror" after their petition to resign with immediate pensions was sent to Chris Patten, the Governor, on June 12.

John Tsang, his private secretary, told Mr Chik: "Don't worry, Chief Executive C.H. Tung has the same authority as the Governor. We will pass your application to

Mr Chik wrote back: "We are astonished ... and have been put into great fear and anxiety about political perse-cution by Communist China." Last night two of them wept as Mr Chik said: "We police are the only ones in Hong Kone who swear an oath to the Queen. We believe she will

> Lavender Patten, page 21 Books, page 40



Lament to the end of empire

FROM REITTER IN HONG KONG

AS A lone piper launched into a haunting lament, the traditional British stiff upper lip. guardian of emotion, began to

But then, all reserve restored in the dying days of empire, the Britons rose as one to sing God Save the Oueen in a land where the Chinese will soon be masters of their destiny again. About 30,000 people packed

From Time

into a Hong Kong stadium to ets were removed in the say farewell yesterday to an humidity, but gentlemen kept empire that once boasted 400 million subjects around the world.

massed bands of the British armed forces herald the end of a century and a half of colonial rule here. Pipers from the Scottish Highlands, Gurkhas from Nepal, Scots Guards fresh from duty outside Buckingham Palace all were there to stir British patriotism. Pinstripe suit jack-

They came to hear the

humidity, but gentlemen kept their ties on. Expatriates far from En-

gland's green and pleasant land waved Union Jacks as the massed bands, striking a triumphal note from the past. launched into "Rule Britannia. Britannia rules the waves, Britons never, never, never shall be slaves". Then they joined hands for a rendition of Auld Lang Syne as

Britain caves in on council ceremony

FROM DAVID WATTS IN HONG KONG

BRITAIN has caved in and agreed to attend the swearingin of the new Provisional Legislative Council (LegCo) for Hong Kong when its members take office soon after the official handover ceremony

next week.

This important concession to China was made despite Britain's having taken a tough stand against a body it regards as illegal. The Foreign Office conceded last night that Francis Cornish, the Consul-General, and Hugh Davies, the senior representative to the Sino-British Joint Liaison Group, will attend the swearing-in. It is expected to take place minutes after the inauguration of Tung Chee-hwa, the new Chief Executive. Tony Blair and Madeleine Albright, the American Secretary of State, will leave immediately after that and boycott the later ceremony, the only two big powers to do so.

The Foreign Office took the decision after it became clear that Britain would be isolated in its defiance. The United States had announced earlier that it would be represented at consular level when the members of the legislature are sworn in. Until yesterday Washington had stood firm with Britain in declining the invitation. But both saw their position eroding as other countries, notably Australia. declined to follow suit.

The State Department justified its decision last night saying that its consul, Richard Boucher, would have to work with the new government.

"Let's face it. The State Department made a mistake," Allen Lee, leader of the Liberal Party who is sympathetic to Beijing, said. "They thought other countries would follow them and they didn't." The agreement to send rep-

resentatives will be the second climbdown this week, after London's vielding to Chinese pressure in allowing more than 500 troops to arrive before the official handover. The Chinese said they would establish the Provisional Legislative Council after rejecting plans by Chris Pat-

ten, the Governor, for a

have provided for a body that

spanned the transition to the new Special Administrative Region government. Britain does not recognise this body, which will start approving 13 new laws for the territory three hours after the handover ceremonies have been con-cluded with the Prince of Wales and Mr Patten sailing out of Hong Kong harbour on board Britannia.

What happens immediately after that remains the subject of speculation here: whether the Chinese Navy will escort Britannia off the premises or whether her mooring will be occupied by a Chinese naval vessel; either way an exclusion zone will be set up in the harbour so that Chinese VIPs can travel across the harbour to the Hong Kong Conference Centre where the handover will be held without fear of being seen by any protesters.

Among the laws to be promulgated are a new Public Order Act that will require seven days' notice of a demonstration to the Commissioner of Police. The legislation is not dissimilar to the original colonial law rescinded by Mr Patten. If the police chief chooses to deny the application, the organisers must be given notice two days before the planned event and they must be given an explanation. A secondary, faster, provision allows for a demonstration at three days' notice which must have a response from the police on the day after the

application.

The membership of the new legislature has been selected by a body of 400 people handpicked by the Chinese. Ten of these legislators lost their seats in the democratic elections in 1995. The Chinese have promised that new elections will be held a year after the provisional body takes office. As the system of voting is expected to change, it is also expected that the 19 opposition Democrats now in the council will be reduced to 13.

☐ Designer flags: Xiao Hong, the Chinese professor who designed Hong Kong's postcolonial flag has been treated in hospital for fatigue after attending too many handover agency said. (Reuter)



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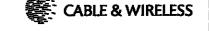
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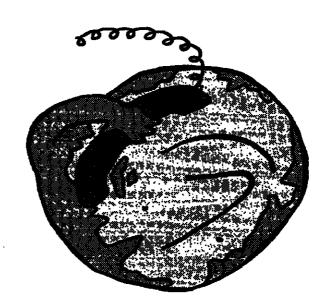
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London to challenge 'dog's dinner' treaty

A WEEK after the European Union produced its Treaty of ing that the text has inserted conditions on frontiers and police work that were demanded by Spain but not approved by EU leaders at

Britain's challenge, to be made by Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, at a meeting in Luxembourg today, is one of several complaints about items that slipped into the treaty apparently as a result of the confusion in the hectic final session in Amsterdam last week.

In the aftermath of a negoti-ation that ended in acrimony, Germany and several other states are unhappy that the treaty grants the European Parliament potential veto powers over legislation on frontiers and other areas despite lack of agreement under

the leaders. In the most glaring case of sleight of hand, President Chirac managed to introduce a treaty guarantee keeping Strasbourg as the seat of the



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internal borders.

special arrangement which

exempts them from taking

part in the removal of all

frontier controls on the EU's

Tony Blair had fought for

an "opt-in", which will enable

Britain, if it wants, to take part

in police co-operation and

other aspects of the new

The Amsterdam treaty text allegedly contains conditions not agreed at the summit, writes Charles Bremner in Brussels.

at the summit do not recall the border machinery. The bulk of this comes under the old issue being discussed. "Chirac "Schengen accords", complex must have mumbled somemachinery for frontier manthing and no-one objected, so agement among the 13 other senior Belgian official said. states, which lay outside EU Politicians across Europe

In a move strongly ques-tioned by legal experts, the "Maastricht II" treaty incor-porates as EU law the 2,000 have denounced the new treaty as a muddle that does nothing to prepare the EU for its cardinal goal of enlarge-ment to include the former communist states of East and pages of Schengen and says Britain may join in but only with the unanimous approval The complaint of Britain and Ireland focuses on the

This condition, which creates a potential veto, was requested by Spain, with an eye to its dispute with Britain over Gibraltar and the application of EU law to the territory. "We don't know how this got in, but we're going to make sure it's reversed." a

Dutch officials said the con-

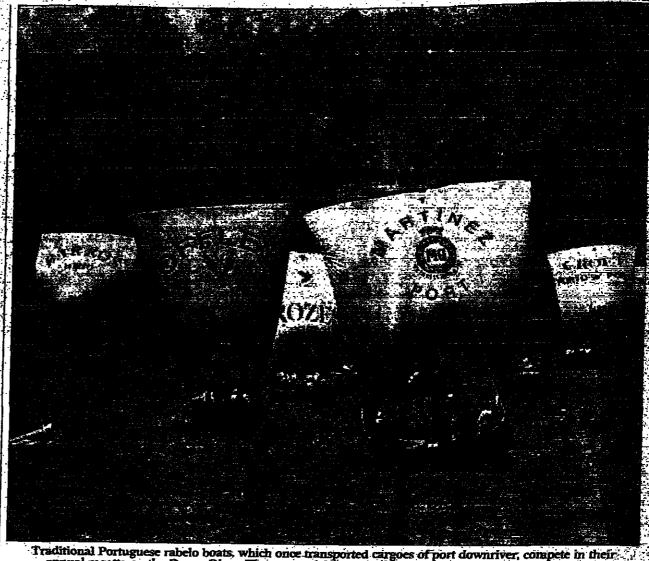
tic end-game at Amsterdam Their text, which an EU ambassador called a "dog's dinner", was the best they could do with their notes and tapes of the final session, they

The Dutch are working with officials from the other states to "sort out the loose ends" and prepare a final text in the II languages for signature by EU autumn, they said.

They said nobody had formally challenged the Frenchinspired clause on Strasbourg. which turns into treaty language a declaration by EU leaders at an Edinburgh EU summit in December 1992.

That sought to put an end to ity of the Parliament wants to halt the expensive and timeconsuming monthly shuttle to Strasbourg from Brussels, where the Parliament has a lavish new headquarters and conducts its committees and

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Traditional Portuguese rabelo boats, which once transported cargoes of port downriver, compete in their annual regatta on the Douro River. The event celebrates the feast of Sao Joao, the patron of Oporto

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Jewish victims accuse Britain over lost funds

BRITAIN yesterday joined the 6,000 files, on cases of assets Holocaust and of placing barriers in the way of heirs trying. more than 50 years ago.

The accusations, first made in the 1950s and since dormant, were revived in an expose published by the Tel Aviv business daily Globes. the paper which in 1995 first uncovered the scandal of Swiss banks abuse of the deposits of Holocaust-victims. It is based on 500 documents recently retrieved from the Public Record Office in Kew.

died nearly penniless in the Jewish state after failing to recover "a substantial sum" lodged in a British clearing bank by his Romanian Jewish. grandfather — told The Times why he had approached Globes "I lelt that with other countries now trying to make amends. Britain should try and do the same, at least from a moral point of view. It is not on a par with the Swiss case.

but it is an ugly tale from the war that should be cleared up. There is a bad stink about it. Although exact figures are impossible to-come by, the Globes journalist Itamar Levin claimed that "tens of millions" of pounds at current values were involved. He said the true sum, and that proportion of it belonging to Jews, could he discovered only by a detailed investigation of about

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ated cash and possessions belong primarily to Jews fiv ing in Romania. Bulgaria and Hungary who were unable Iron Curtain, to reclaim the

systematic British policy to use property confiscated from Holocaust victims to compen-Last night John Leopold, a sate British citizens who grant-50-year-old Israeli research ed credit before the war to physicist - whose parents, countries that later became ist survivors who Nazi Germany's allies. It also charged that survivors; who after "years of struggle" succeeded in getting back their assets, received them only at nominal value.

The Holocaust Educational. Trust, which has led the campaign over Swiss gold; said thousands of Holocaust victims had their assets seized by the Government and that producing documentation to reclaim them after the war was often impossible. It added that about 30 per cent of all claims were rejected and less

paid out. Mr Levin said: The terrible thing about this case is that the country involved is Britain, the one place where Jews looked for fair treatment only to find their assets often stolen: word for it.

Spain eases Nato ban over Gibraltar

By Giles Tremlett in madrid and Michael Evans, defence correspondent

SPAIN is preparing to lift longstanding military restrictions imposed on all Nato members operating warships and combat aircraft in and out of Gibraltar.

British and other Nato warships docking in Gibraltar are prohibited from then entering Spanish ports. Spain also refuses to take part in Nato naval exercises if they involve Nimrod maritime patrol aircraft operating Gibraltar.

Yesterday Eduardo Serra, the Spanish Defence Minister, told a parliamentary committee in Madrid that these restrictions would be lifted. A third restriction, however, under which Nato aircraft flying to Gibraltar are banned from using Spanish air space. seems likely to remain in place, at least for the foreseeable future.

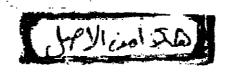
The concessions, removing some of the anomalies that have prevented Nato members from enjoying equal military rights within the alliance's borders, will help to ease Spain's entry into the integrated structure for the first time since it joined the organisation in 1981.

Spain has agreed to join Nato's integrated military set-up, provided the alliance's command structure is reorganised. Under the newlook Nato. Spain will be given a substantial sub-regional command headquarters, to be based in Madrid. At present there are no Nato command

headquarters in Spain. The announcement that Spain is prepared to-offer concessions over Gibraltar underlines the high stakes that are being played by individual Nato members to guarantee them influential status in the new command structure.

However, Senor Serra made it clear that the concessions did not imply that the Spanish Government was softening Spain's claim to sovereignly over Gibraliar, which it handed over to Britain under the terms of the 1713 Treaty of Utrecht: He also said there would be no change in limits imposed on civilians.





Clinton security men questioned on 'affairs'

FROM LAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

Whitewater special prosecutor, was reported yesterday to have expanded his investigation into any extramarital relationships that President Clinton may have had.

The Washington Post said FBI agents and prosecutors working for Mr Starr had questioned eight Arkansas state troopers about their knowledge of between 12 and 15 women whose names have been mentioned in connection Governor, They included Paula Jones, the former state employee who has taken legal action alleging sexual harass-ment by Mr Clinton, and Gennifer Flowers, who said she had a 12-year adulterous affair with him. Mr Clinton has denied both allegations.

One trooper, Roger Perry. investigators asked whether another of the women they named had given birth to child by Mr Clinton and whether the child looked like him, the Post reported. This unproven allegation has been the subject of Arkansas rumour for years.

Mr Perry said he was asked about Mrs Jones and whether he had seen Mr Clinton with her and how often. He is said to have answered that he saw them together once or twice in Little Rock, in public places

KENNETH STARR, the sation. The questioning marks an intimidatory new line of inquiry for Mr Starr's investigation, which began as an examination of any illegal use funds during the failed Whitewater land speculation in which Mr Clinton and his wife, Hillary, invested in 1978.

Yesterday's article said the interviews were an effort by Mr Starr's office to find close Clinton associates in whom he may have confided and who could provide information about the veracity of sworn statements Mr Clinton has made about Whitewater.

The disclosures are likely further to anger Democrats



Jones: legal action over

who accuse Mr Starr, a Republican, of turning his supposedly independent inquiry into a political vendetta. Mr Starr's investigation, now three years old, increasingly gives the impression of wallowing in its attempts to indict Mrs Clinton and to target Mr

There are intensifying signs of Mr Starr trying the issue in the media through leaks from his office. A co-author of yesterday's account was Bob Woodward, the Post's Water-

Mr Perry, who served on Mr Clinton's personal security staff in Arkansas, said that in



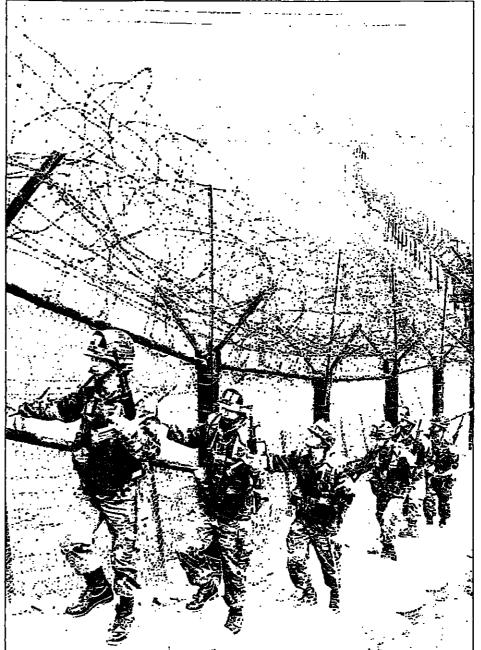
previous interviews Whitewater investigators had said explicitly they were not interested in the President's personal life. Now, he said. "I was left with the impression they wanted to show he was womaniser ... All they wanted to talk about was women."

Mr Perry said investigators asked him the most intimate details of Mr Clinton's life, including whether he had ever seen him perform a sexual act. Mr Perry told them: "The

Mr Perry did tell investiga-

tors that he and other troopers either took Mr Clinton to, or provided vehicles to transport him to, clandestine meeting: with seven or eight of the women on the prosecutors' list at times when Mrs Clinton was away or asleep, the report said. Mr Perry and three other members of the Governor's security staff made similar allegations in articles pub lished four years ago.

Another trooper, Ronald Anderson, said he refused to answer the questions about personal relationships Mr Clinton may have had with women. He was reported to have told prosecutors: "If he's done something illegal. I will tell you. But I'm not going to answer a question about women he knew because I just



South Korean soldiers, still technically at war, check the Demilitarised Zone fence

Koreans agree to fresh peace talks

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT

NORTH Korea said yesterday it was ready to take part in peace talks aimed at replacing the truce that ended the 1950 53 Korean War.

The Stalinist country's official media reported that Pyongyang was prepared to negotiate with South Korea. the United States and China on a peace sentement for the divided peninsula.

The announcement, on the forty-seventh anniversary of the outbreak of the conflict. prompted cautious hopes that officials might get round a table in August to set an agenda for the talks.

Pyongyang said it was willing to discuss an accord as long as the US and South Korea did not launch a military offensive. "As long as the enemies do not provoke a war, we will press ahead with the peace process on the Korean peninsula through dialogue and negotiation," the Korean Central News Agency said.

The talks were proposed by President Clinton and President Kim Young Sam of South Korea last year. The North demanded large-scale food aid and an easing of US trade sanctions to take part.

Green groups vow to stop space probe

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

ENVIRONMENTAL militants and anti-nuclear activists have vowed to halt Nasa's 'Cassini programme", which will shortly launch a space probe on a seven-year journey

Cassini is one of the most ambitious projects yet in plan-etary science. A \$3.2 billion (£1.9 billion) joint venture between Nasa and the European Space Agency, the probe is scheduled to take off from Cape Canaveral on October 6. reaching Saturn's orbit in

probe, also called The Cassini, will spend four years in close observation of the ringed planet, previously explored only by "fly-by" craft of uncertain accuracy. A smaller probe will detach from Cassini and descend towards Titan. one of Saturn's moons. which has an atmosphere rich in organic molecules that may provide clues to the early stages of the evolution of life

Green groups, however, object to the spacecraft's use of

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nuclear power for its scientific instruments. Cassini will carry nuclear generators that absorb the heat given off by the natural radioactive decay of plutonium 238, converting it to electricity. The craft will also carry tiny nuclearpowered heaters to protect the instruments in the glacial cold of interplanetary space.

No more than 72lb of radioactive material will be on board, but such radical organisations as the New Yorkbased Learning Alliance, the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice and the Food Not Bombs group are threating non-violent sit-ins on the Cape Canaveral launch-pad. Protest rallies have also been planned to take place in September in New York and

Washington. Los Angeles Space and Communications Inc is suing a Russian affiliate of the Lockheed Martin Corporation for \$300 million, claiming that it reneged on a contract to launch satellites at

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Dr Thomas Stuttaford on keeping heart disease under control; the benefits of a good bed; alcohol and growing old; and microbes in your training shoes

Drugs cut heart risk

t is just as well that the Royal Yacht Britannia is unlikely to have a copy of The Pharma-ceutical Times aboard. The latest edition of the journal would have made depressing reading for the Governor of Hong Kong as he contemplates resuming his life in

There are two reports in The Pharmaceutical Times on the treatment of cardiovascular disease in Britain. In one, titled The Appalling Treatment of Heart Disease, Mark Greener analyses why it remains this country's leading cause of death, and why so many doctors still do not prescribe the drugs which could alleviate the

In another review in that issue, Peter Winters, of ICIS Research, details the opinion of 1,120 doctors in Europe, the US and Japan on the way in which British doctors treat strokes, and the threat of them. in the UK. Their opinion is summarised as "if you have an

Mr Patten suffered from coro nary heart disease at the start of his term as Governor, but an immedi-ate angioplasty has kept him free of trouble throughout his term of office. An angioplasty clears the passage through the coronary arteries by forcing any atheromatous plaque back against the arterial wall where it has caused narrowing. In carrying out an angioplasty the doctor introduces a balloon into the lumen of the coronary artery so that when the balloon is inflated it exerts the necessary pressure on the soft plaque, so that it is flattened.

Two thirds of the patients who are treated with angioplasty for coronary arterial narrowing improve. Unfortunately, the remaining third either show no immediate relief of symptoms, or need a bypass or a repeat angioplasty within six months. Even in those in whom the operation is deemed successful there is a gradual fur-



ring up of the arteries over a few years. Mr Greener makes a strong plea for greater use of lipidlowering drugs to reduce the blood fats. He quotes Dr Neil Poulter of St Mary's Hospital. London, who recently told an international con-

ference that in Britain we not only suffer high levels of the standard risk factors for heart disease, but do less than many other countries to

Fifty four per cent of men who have had a heart attack still do not

take aspirin daily, and nor do 60 per cent of those who have angina, and at risk from coronary

Over the past few years several surveys have shown that reducing blood fats using the statin drugs, such as Simvastatin and Pravastatin, can have a marked effect in reducing the deathrate from heart disease. The rate was cut by approximately a third and the statistics also suggest that, if all

took them, the number of people in Britain suffering from heart disease would be halved.

Few doctors now doubt the efficacy of the statin group of drugs and their ability to reduce choles-terol levels. The reason they are not prescribed more widely is thought to be their cost.

Greater use of the statin drugs can be shown to be cost-effective when they are given to high-risk

indication for the use of these drugs - able to target initially those patients with angina, those who have had a heart attack, and those who have markedly raised cholesterol levels. In these groups, the expense of the ophylactic treatment is balanced by the saving in hospital costs which would occur if they were to have a heart attack.

Once the price of the statin drugs starts to fall it seems likely that many others, in whom the risk of coronary heart disease is less great, will also be treated prophylactical-

ly It is encouraging that the deathrate in Britain from coronary heart disease in men aged 35 to 75 fell between 1980 and 1990 by 23 per cent, but Mr Greener points out-that during the same period it fell in Sweden by 33 per cent and the United States by 35 per cent

People with a bad back but without £6,000

As Mr Pattern belongs to one of the high-risk groups he is presumably watching his diet and taking regular exercise. Doubtless he will also be taking a daily aspirin and should take regular statin drugs.



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after the interests of Muslims in America has asked that the trainers made by one manufacturer be banned because their logo could be mistaken for the Arabic symbol for Allah. The firm has agreed to withdraw the offending shoes from

Muslim's hierarchy consider shoes are unclean because they can be covered in mud from pavements.

The council members would have had an even better case had they seen a recent study on the number of micro-organisms which



The logo that gave offence

can be found in trainers worn by athletes from the Thames Valley Harriers. Seventy-six times more fungi were found in these shoes than could be cultured from the bowl or

seat of a public lavatory. There were also more micro-organisms in an old shoe than in the lavatory bowl. Trainers did, however, have a larger colony of microbes living within them than did other shoes even if they had been worn

on three consecutive days. These fungi are a frequent cause of athlete's foot which affects 40 per cent of people from time to time. The bacteria in the shoes may be responsible for The fungi can be treated with Daktarin preparations. or other suitable fungicides. It is also possible

to buy a Daktarin spray

to treat the shoes.

Improving with age

ecently it has been suggested that alcohol. suggested that shown which has been shown to have a cardio-protective effect, could also delay the onset of Alzheimer's disease.

This concept is likely to be even less immediately popular with some doctors than was the theory — now proven and accepted — that a modest daily intake of alcohol reduces the risk of suffering from heart

At a recent medical meeting in Bordeaux, Professor Jean Marc Orgogozo discussed the long-term effects of alcohol on performance in later life.

There is no doubt that if alcohol is drunk to excess particularly if the heavy drinking is associated, as is often the case, with malnutrition - it can lead to acute forms of dementia such as Korsakoff's psychosis or the even more dangerous Wernicke's enceph-

Fortunately, few drinkers consume so much that they end up demented. Professor Orgogozo was addressing the problem of the effects of alcohol on the intellect in old age in those who had drunk steadily but modestly throughout life. He studied the intelligence of 377 people over the age of 65 who were living in the Gironde and Dordogne districts of France. The resulting statistics were encouraging. There was an inverse relationship

between regular, moderate

wine drinking and the likeli-

The drinkers had an aver-

age of three to four standard glasses of wine a day, or its equivalent, but, as might be expected in France, 95 per cent of the regular drinkers usually

The evidence that the drinkers were less likely to develop Alzheimer's than were teeto-

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tallers was very marked. Professor Orgogozo said: "It would be premature at this stage of our research to advise all elderly people to drink more wine daily. "There does, however, seem

to be no medical rationale why we should advise people of 65 to stop drinking so long as they're doing it in moderation. The habit seems to carry no specific risk, doesn't damage the intellect and seems to be of

benefit to their health." Support for Professor Orgagozo's research comes from a report in the British

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hood of developing senile de Medical Journal of a study carried out in Australia.

A team from the University of Canberra has investigated the long-term effect of drink-ing alcohol on Second World War veterans who continued to do this into old age. These men have been seen regularly since 1982, when their average age was 64.3.

The research has shown no association between a persistent, lifelong consumption of alcohol and the veterans' performance when, in old age, they were asked to carry out 18 standard psychological tests. The drinkers intellects seemed to be unimpaired. Nor was there any apparent difference in the amount of brain atrophy they suffered com-

pared with the non-drinkers. Professor Orgogozo's research in France, the findings in Canberra and a similar survey in Copenhagen, results of which are still to be published, are encouraging. Even though there is not the same clear-cut advantage between the modest quantity drunk and the cardio-protective effect of alcohol, it would seem wise to recommend to patients that if they wanted to achieve the best chance of being the intellectual life and soul in the old people's home, they would do well to stick to two to four glasses of wine, or its equiva-

lent, each day. They should also continue to take a well balanced diet rich in vitamins and soluble fibre.

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'I am here to hold his hand'

avender Patten, 52 and enviably lean, sits in the chintz-formality of a Government House from which every trace of the Patten family has been scooped up by packers. The 24 hour roar of central Hong Kong is hushed by double-glazing and there are hotelstyle flower arrangements. The staff in starched jackets with red tabs on their collars glide in with tea, and hover,

perfectly, just out of earshot.
Soon they will be working for Tung Chee-hwa, the Chief Executive, whose necromancer has warned him that Government House has bad feng shui. Mr Tung will stay in his own much enlarged flat in a chic part of town and may turn Government House into a museum to hold the presents every Chinese province has sent to mark the handover. Starting on Tuesday, it will be the opposite of

"Upstairs is a mess." says Mrs Patten. "Everything is half in and half out of cases." Then she says, worried: "The staff are wonderful. I can't imagine what theirlives are going to be like now." Well, they certainly won't be wearing the colonial white with the red tabs.

Like most of us. Mrs. Patten is two people. There is Lavender, an attractive wife and mother who is still very much in love with Chris, her second husband (who calls her "my best friend") and who is devoted to her three daughters, Alice, 17. Laura, 22, and Kate, 24. After five years away from London she is now faced with finding a job and doing up the newly bought Victorian semi in Barnes that, from next week, will become a rather more comfortable family home than the grandiose hulk of Government House. Then there is Mrs Chris Patten, wife of After the hectic role as wife of the last Governor of Hong Kong, Lavender Patten is looking forward to being her own person again. Interview by Jonathan Mirsky

Governor Patten. "The Governess," her friends sometimes call her to her face, although unlike some of her predecessors no one could be less governessy. She says she suspected what it would be like to be the Government House hostess, but didn't know what was coming: the constant glare of the spotlight, little privacy, snubs from visiting Beijing bigwigs, who shun Mr Patten, and insults from the Chinese press, which has called him "the whore" and "the triple violator".

Aren't the snubs and the insults wounding? "Sometimes it made me angry. It all seemed so juvenile. I didn't take it personally. It's as if they were making it up for some reason. In Britain people can be unpleasant at a meeting, but they don't refuse to meet you. People say it's Chris who's been confrontational. But he's polite and restrained. I'd have been much angrier. It's hard to resist."

hat she minds a lot in Hong Kong is hearing what people say behind your back and then you have to meet for dinner. That's much more difficult. In Britain you just don't meet people like that at dinner.'

Has the official hostility from China infected her encounters with local people? "No, not at all. Lots of people have apologised. 'So sorry these things have been said.' The public has been incredibly welcoming and friendly. There's only a small minority who appeared not to like

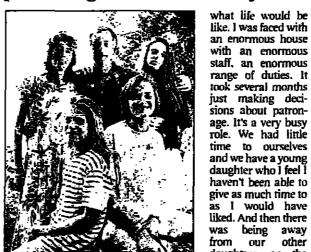
In England, the public animosity from political oppomore direct? "Yup, yup, very definitely. That could be quite that in Britain she was rarely the "I just trotted

around gently in Bath. The first time I was in the spotlight was when he lost." One suddenly recalls the stricken faces of the Pattens on television on the night of the 1992 victory

to the same question.

which campaign director Chris Patten was trounced in his own constituency. Could she face another campaign? She looks strained. "Well, I had a pretty bad experience the last time. One puts these things behind one." This sounds much more like a no than her husband's answer

She has liked Hong Kong, especially the new friends, Chinese and expatriate. You won't believe it, but I didn't know a single soul here before I came. It's rather wonderful that in the second half of one's life, one can make good friends." But it was also a strain. "I had little idea



The Pattens faced snubs and insults

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Alice Patten, 17, is clever, hoping for three A levels so that she can go to Cambridge, and pretty enough to model part-time. All parents worry about their children, says Mrs Patten: "But Hong Kong is wonderfully safe. I didn't have to keep track of her every minute. She's managed to live a normal life. She's much calmer than 1 am ... I get very anxious. She's very good at hugging and leaves little messages on my desk - 'I love you Mummy' - it gives me a real lift."

And she needs the lifts. She lists her roles: as wife of the Governor she appears at social and official functions and acts as

hostess in Government House. She is the patron of several organisations. Hong Kong itself? "It's extraordinary. Everyone is on the move all the time, active, hardworking and out and about, enjoying themselves. But it's very tiring. You've got to be on top form."

Her self-discipline verges on selfsacrifice. So determined is she to support her husband that she rarely, if ever. reveals to him her own worries. "I am there to hold his hand and as a listening post. If he wants to talk, I listen. I certainly will give advice. We discuss scenarios -- if this happens, then what. My main approach has been he shouldn't worry about me. i can cope with most things; I m quite tough."

I wonder if this insistence on not worrying her husband arises from her own childhood. Her father was killed in the war, her mother married again; the stepfather paid little attention to Lavender, and then her mother was killed in a car crash. As a child, Lavender moved around a lot. "You may be right. One doesn't want to make a fuss." But soon she says that when she's down, her husband is very good at treats and good at giving

On Monday night, after national flags have come down and gone up, the Pattens sail away in the Britannia with the Prince of Wales. So what's next for Lavender Patten? "I would like to be my own person again. I'd like to do a job of work." She specialised in juvenile law, but may not go back to it. "I was very junior when I left

and would be just as junior when 1 go back and the law has changed enormously in five years." Her own long-ago divorce may be in her mind. "I'm going to look into mediation, which will require a bit of training. There's the new divorce law. I look forward to tribunal work."

ivorce is plainly not on the cards for the Pattens. Two years ago at a dance here, I was struck by the way Chris Patten watched his wife dancing with the Commander of British Forces. He suddenly said: "Look at her. Isn't she wonderful." It wasn't a question. "She's my best friend, you know. I was crazy about her at Oxford and I was so shy. When she married someone else I was

Mrs Patten looks unaffectedly delighted when I tell her this. How does she remember the Oxford romance? "I think we were both very young. He was probably younger; young men often don't grow up as fast as girls. We did go out. I just think that when it might have got serious he wasn't ready and unfortunately I was looking for more security.

"My first marriage didn't work. And then I rang him up." She must have been thinking about him, then? She gives an appreciative hmmm. "I wanted to see him again. It was five years since we last went

They married in 1971. "We get on wonderfully well. We like going to the same places. We prefer to do things with each other rather than with anyone else." She casts about for some imperfection. "Occasionally, there's a film he likes that I don't, and vice versa." She makes this sound almost like a disloyal confession.

Listen, why don't you just e-mail me with it?

report by (Excuse me for just a second will you OK, I'm back) Gallup and the Californiabased Institute for the Future says (Sorry, let me just get rid of this flashing message on my computer screen . . . right, where were we?) says that office workers are so deluged with e-mail and other communication that they barely have the time each day to get through (Sorry about that noise, it's a fax coming through) their workload.

The average middle-management executive sends or receives 178 messages or documents each day. A secretary's tally of e-mail, faxes, voice mail, sticky notes and pager messages tops 190 a day.

Nancy Ozawa, director of the Institute for the Future, believes that "we have passed the point where communications tools are aiding efficiency. The day is coming," she

information. Joe Joseph puts electronic mail in perspective adds blithely, interrupting us the for the 68th time this morning, when people will lie down in

this any more'." But does the Institute for the Future know the price of every e-mail, and the value of none? If we had to handle 200 messages daily, all of them dealing with brain-clenching questions about new accounting procedures in the Denver subsidiary, then we might well be feeling overwhelmed.

But, for most people, e-mail is just the lazy man's trip to the coffee machine, which is why an average worker's email printout might read

something like this: - Morning, Phil. Get a result last night? Nigel - What, she did that before

waiter had even brought the starters? Nigel. the road and say I cannot do

 Anyone who has not yet paid their contribution to the lottery syndicate will NOT, repeat NOT be included in any winnings. Gerry

 How exactly do you mean with the cocktail stirrer??!?! Nigel — If that isn't a signal, I don't know what is. She sounds

randier than her sister. Nige! Yes, that does include you, Phil. It's just not fair if. say, we win £12 million and you expect a share without even putting in your 50p.

— Phil, your wife called. Sally 'She sounds anything to put on the agenda for Monday's budget meeting, Phil? (Are you still available

randier than her sister'

Sally

— Thanks for last night, Phil. I really, really enjoyed myself.... Amanda - No, I think that comes in

- Do you have

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urday?). Mike

Wednesday's European budget meeting. Mike ~ I forgot do you still have the team pads in your boot?

- No, if I lent you the 50p it

A survey says that office workers are overwhelmed with reasonable Plan B. What's the garage's name? Mike Nobody! It's general knowledge. George

- Of course 1 haven't told anyone. What do you take me for? Nigel - But why didn't you take - What the hell have you been saying, Mr Tannoy-mouth! Amanda

the cricket bag out of the boot first, you plonker? How long do they reckon it will take to Your wife called again. fix the gearbox? Mike I'm sick of her thinking I don't - No, I didn't tell her pass on the messages to you. anything about your whereabouts last night. Sally

— Sorry about that, I had to

- How else would anyone have known about the mango take a call from some bloke in sorbet! Amanda Korea. So do you think you'll I'm sorry I mentioned it. see Mandy again, or what?

Let's forget it. George - And the cocktail stirrer???? Amanda My sister warned me

about you. Amanda - Anything cooking? Nigel A cheque for 50p, are you bonkers? Gerry

- Get lost! Åmanda — Oh, really? Nigel



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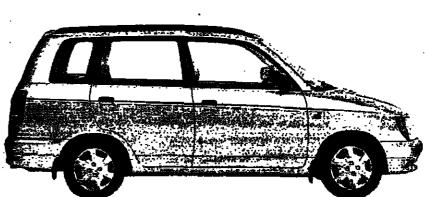
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It's time for trade to do without aid

Clare Short needn't snub British

industry says Magnus Linklater

young man in Zambia on the verge of starvation needs working capital to start a cycle repair business. He needs a loan on reasonable terms, some management advice, and a helping hand to get things going. Armed with that, he can transform a destitute family into a productive unit, contributing to the economy of his country, instead of draining its

Simple, really, It's called sustainable development, and it is extraordinarily difficult to achieve. Bedevilled by politics, war, bureaucracy and vested interests, overseas aid has struggled to achieve that ideal with remarkable lack of success. Small agencies and char-ities do their best. Governments cannot seem to

get it right. Now Clare Short, Secretary for International Development, has indicated that she wants to change the entire basis of Britain's overseas aid policy. In what is seen as one of the most radical steps this Government has taken, she intends to abolish the "aidwith-strings" approach adopted under previous administrations and direct the money where it is most needed and most effective. In-

stead of insisting that aid is conditional on sales of products, services and expertise, each country's needs will be judged the strings on their merits, irrespective of the benefits for British jobs. Africa is likely to

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benefit, while the better-off economies of the Far East will

"Good on her," was the comment from one veteran aid expert I spoke to. "If the idea is to exclude all countries above a certain economic threshold. that's excellent, radical - and probably unworkable. But she

The tangled story of aidwith-strings goes back to a previous woman minister in a olin Hart persuadeo James Callaghan to push overseas aid up to its highest level -0.52 per cent of GNP. She proposed that, in return, British business should be given the inside track on trade with recipient countries. That was taken to extremes by Margaret Thatcher, who regarded aid as a valuable weapon in "batting

for Britain" abroad. Secret deals were offered to big British companies - Cementation in Oman, Westland Helicopters in India - as part of an aid package. It became almost axiomatic that any country accepting British support found itself buying Land Rovers or installing a GEC-Marconi communications system. Sometimes it became even murkier, when arms deals were illegally involved. The row that broke over the Pergau dam affair in 1994 suggested that help given to the Malaysian Government to construct a big but questionable dam project had been

closely fied to defence sales. It also raised the rather more urgent question of why

millions of pounds were being

poured into the coffers of relatively wealthy countries while others languished in abject poverty. Two decades of trade-related aid has produced a lopsided policy. A report by the Overseas Development Administration last year concluded that it was costly, inefficient, and failed to give value for money.

At the same time, the bargain struck with Mrs (now Dame Judith) Hart has been brusquely dumped: aid has slumped to 0.27 per cent of GNP, and public confidence in the system has been steadily

So reform is overdue. But Clare Short faces an uphill struggle. First of all, she controls only half of Britain's £2 billion overseas aid budget. The rest is channelled through Brussels, which is notoriously cumbersome and bureaucratic. But even when it comes to the remaining half of British aid, there are headaches. Should Ms Short ignore the politics of the recipient countries? Should she give to dictatorships and democracies alike, regardless of the risk that corrupt regimes will sim-ply siphon off the money for themselves? Should she ignore

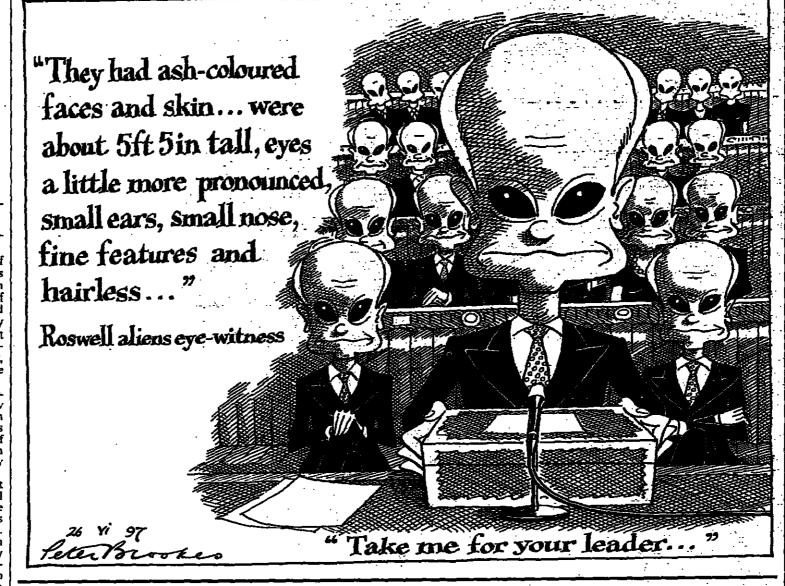
the crying need of a small island community simply because the country it belongs to is relatively wealthy? And how do you help the most desperate people of all, trapped in a country racked by civil war — like Sudan or

The biggest obstacle, however, may lie at home. Can she ignore the outcry from British companies who will argue that jobs will be lost and trade lost to competitors if she changes track? The answer is that she should do just that.

Those companies will discover, like their Japanese counterparts, that deals will be done irrespective of aid, and that contracts will not be lost if the services are needed. But at the same time. Ms Short must out of overseas projects. The future of development depends on investment from the private sector as much as it does on Government aid. The Third World needs British goods, technology, experience, management techniques, and long-term assistance. It is more efficient and effective than anything a non-govern-mental organisation can pro-

It should, however, be sought and provided openly. with Parliament fully informed at the time rather than having to find out about it later. It should be done on the basis that British firms can provide goods and services that are cheaper and more efficient than their local competitors. And trade deals should not be made a condi-

tion of receiving aid. If Ms Short can meet those objectives, and then perhaps persuade the Treasury to inch that 0.27 per cent back up towards the level it achieved 20 years ago, she will indeed have achieved something truly



Nemesis on Wall Street

greatest newspaper proprietor of his time, and one of the shrewdest political com-mentators. On April 30, 1929 he commented on the general election campaign in a letter to a Canadian friend. "Ramsay MacDonald is anxious at all costs to appear reasonable and moderate, and his speeches might all be made by Baldwin." The Labour leader's moderation paid off. The poll was on May 31, and Labour was for the first time returned as the largest party, with 288 seats to the Conservatives' 260 and the Liberals'

Rwanda? 59. The Liberals under Lloyd George supported Labour, and Ramsay MacDonald formed what was then only the second Labour Government. Labour's honeymoon was brief. On September 26, 1929, pressure on the pound sterling, which was still convertible into gold, forced the Bank of England to raise the bank rate to

6.5 per cent. an exceptionally high level for the Gold Standard period. As the dividend yield on the New York stock market was only 3 per cent. British investors, who still Street, started to sell their American stocks in order to obtain the interest rates available in London. On September 29 the panic started. By

Governor of the Bank of England called on Ramsay MacDonald to tell the Prime Minister that the gold reserves were within a few days of being exhausted; he said that a loan could be negotiated in New York if the Government was prepared to cut expenditure, including unemploy-ment benefits. The Labour Cabinet (but not MacDonald or the Chancellor. Philip Snowden) rejected this proposal. On August 24. Ramsay MacDonald went to Buckingham Palace, resigned as Prime Minister and advised King George V to call a meeting of the three party leaders. As a result the National Govern-

ment of 193) was formed the next day. with Ramsav MacDonald still as Prime Minister, but with the Conservatives as the dominant party. Britain went off the Gold Standard; Parliament was dissolved: at the general election on October 27, the The 1929 stock market crash doomed

Ramsay MacDonald's new Government.

Could it happen to Labour again?

National Government was returned bottom in 1933 the dividend yield had with a majority of 521. Under Baldwin the National Government won again in 1935, and lasted until Winston Churchill formed the war-

time coalition in 1940. One of the lessons of this is that shocks on Wall Street can be decisive for British politics. After 1929, everyone vowed that there must never again be so great a Wall Street crash, and there never has been. Yet such crashes have occurred in other advanced stock markets, notably in the Tokyo market after 1989; that fell by about 70 per cent from the peak,

about as large a fall as Wali Street suffered in the three years after the 1929 crash. There is anisation of late 20th-century stock markets which makes a crash im-

only 25 in percentage terms. On Tuesday the Dow Jones recovered by 153.8 points, or 2.02 per cent. This is the second time this year that Wall Street has had a tremor; on the first occasion the market recovered rapidly and went to new heights. These tremors do need to be taken seriously. They sometimes prove to be warnings of a major earthquake in the near

There is no doubt that Wall Street is very high. Judged by the dividend vield, it is the highest it has ever been. by a wide margin. Before the fall on Monday, the dividend yield on the S&P 500 index was 1.7 per cent. compared with 3 per cent at the peak in 1929. In terms of dividend yield, it would therefore take a fall of more than 40 per cent in the Dow Jones index to get back to the level immed-

However, there are some who will

he less than happy about his rising

stardom. Vakil is an English teacher

at the Pimlico comprehensive where

the pupils include the Home Secre-

tary's son. William Straw. "I love teaching here," says Vakil, "but there

is a conflict - something will have to

AFTER 71 long years spent ugling the

post, the writer Anthony Powell, 92.

was finally made a vice-president of

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risen to more than 9 per cent.
This means that the Dow Jones. which peaked last week at 7,800. would have to fall to 4,400 to match the 1929 peak in terms of dividend yield, or to about 1,450 to match the bottom of the market in 1933. No bear market in Wall Street has ever come to an end without the dividend yield reaching 6 per cent. Of course the underlying cycle may have changed its character, but it is worth noting that a 6 per cent dividend yield is the present equivalent of a fall in the Dow Jones index to about 2,250.

Fortunately, there are more moderate ways of estimating the potential downside Street market. Professor Tim Congdon has published his conclusions in

the latest issue of the Lombard Street Research Monthly. He believes that 'US equity valuations are stretched" and that "the surge in share prices is due to high money growth and associated excess liquidity". He measures the possible fall in terms of the bond-equity yield ratio. In 1929 it was the superior attraction of bonds which pulled money out of Wall Street and caused the crash.

"Investors have a choice between holding their wealth in equities or bonds ... " Professor Congdon writes. On average over the last 15 years the 30-year US government bond yield has been between two and a half and two and three quarter times the S&P 500 dividend yield. Until recently the only exception was in the spring and summer of 1987, but that was before the crash of 1987. At its peak in 1987 the bond-equity yield ratio was 3.5 per cent; loday it is just over four ... If bond yields rise and the yield ratio returns to two and a half to two and three quarters, US share prices could fall by over 30 per cent." That would take the Dow Jones index back down to below 5,500.

rate triggered the Wall Street crash. Britain was then still by far the largest external investor in the United States. Last Monday it was the report of the speech by the Japanese Prime Minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, which caused the fall. He had said that Japan faced the temptation to sell off US Treasury bills. That, of course, would make the whole US bond market fall, and would widen the bond-equity ratio, unless Wall Street fell sharply.

Wall Street has for some years been driven up by the flow of money into mutual funds (unit trusts). Most of these investors measure their return by adding together their capital gain and the dividend income. When the market is going up fast, that makes mutual funds very attractive. The dividend yield may be virtually nonexistent after expenses, but a 15 or 20 per cent rise in the market is much better than the 6.5 to 7 per cent available in bonds. Yet when the market starts to go down, this process is reversed. No one knows what fall in the market would finally discournutual fund buv point their negative experience would be likely to bring their buying to an end. Still worse, they might be trying to get out. Markets which are overvalued do not simply return to the fair value level; they almost invari-

ably go well below it. The weakness in the case of the Wall Street bears is that they became too anxious too early. So far they have been wrong and the stock market bulls have been right. But the values on Wall Street are now out of line with any historical precedent in the 125 years of Wall Street statistics. There probably will be a major correction, and there certainly could be a crash. If it happens on Wall Street, it will also happen in London, though the London values are more

moderate. in 1929 the Wall Street crash, and the world depression which followed. proved fatal to the second Labour Government. A correction might not be too difficult for the ninth Labour Government to handle, though obviously a major crash could be. Yet Wall Street is very unlikely to continue its rise for the next four or five years. New Labour will face some shocks in its period of office; a Wall Street shock, at some point, is likely to be one of them.

Perfidious Albion lets Bruton go Charles Lysaght

says London will-

find Dublin cooler

I t now looks inevitable that when the lower house of the Irish-parliament (the Daill reassembles today after the recent general election the leader of Fine Gael John-Bruton, will be replaced as Taoiseach by the leader of Fianna Fail, Bertie Ahern. Britain will thereby lose a Prime Minister uniquely well disposed towards her, and also uniquely conciliatory towards the Unionists of

Northern Ireland. Bruton has been Taoiseach for only two and a half years. He must be counted lucky ever to have held the office. His own political stock was an a low ebb when, at the end of 1994, Albert Reynolds's Fianna Fail-Lab-our coalition fell apart Labour formed a coalition with Fine Gael and Bruton, then in danger of being displaced as leader of Fine Gael instead found himself

Taoiseach. There were apprehensions that this coalition would not work. There was bad blood between Bruton and the Labour leader Dick Spring, dating from Garret FitzGerald's ill-fated coalition Government of the mid-1980s, when Bruton was seen as the combative champion of the Right. In fact, helped by a bouyant economy, all went swimmingly and Bruton abandoned his former combativeness and adopted a statesmanlike demeanour. After the financial scandals that had beset the Fianna Fail Government of Charles Haughey and Albert Reynolds, it was a relief to have a Taoiseach who was universal-

ly regarded as above suspicion.

Bruton inherited the "peace process". Initially he was distrusted by John Hume and the SDLP, who feared that he would be 100 accommodating to the Unionists. While this rift was rapidly overcome, Sinn Fein was less happy with him than it had been with Mr Reynolds.

Bruton was blamed for agreeing initially to decommissioning of arms as a precondition of the admission of Sinn Fein to negotiations. Later he found himself in the awkward position of trying to persuade the Major Government to modify this rigid requirement in a vain effort to save the IRA ceasefire.

The collapse of the ceasefire on this issue the volte-face in Northern Ireland at Drumcree, where a banned march was permitted, and the absence of reform of the RUC, were all blows to Bruton. It meant that he had nothing to show for his more friendly attitude towards Brit-ain and the Unionists, symbolised by his effusive welcome for the Prince of Wales on an Irish visit, and his insistence on honouring the Irish

dead of the two World Wars... In the final weeks before the election on June 7, he returned emptyhanded from London after conferring with Tony Blair. The perception that Fianna Fail would be tougher with the British and more influential in persuading the IRA to restore its ceasefire was also unhelpful to him.

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e also ran into difficulties on other fronts: Malcolm Lowry, a minister, had to resign over a tax irregularity, denting Fine Gael's reputation for probity. Then, in Tipperary, Lowry stood as an independent and won: in rural Ireland the failure to pay one's taxes is not regarded as a mortal sin.

In the event, Bruton's party increased its vote, but the large losses suffered by Labour deprived him of the majority necessary to form a new Government. Having acquitted himself well both in office and in the election, he must await the swing of the political pendulum to bring him back to office. His agreement this week with Mr Blair on an independent commission to oversee decommissioning while talks proceed is a

useful last legacy. Meanwhile, Bertie Ahern will have to survive with the support of the small Progressive Democrat Party. most of whom are former members of his own party who departed in protest against the less yielding nationalism and personal style of Haughey. Their presence in govern-ment will restrain Fianna Fail from relaxing into the more republican stance that some of its backwoodsmen would favour. It is fortunate that Ahern can survive without the support of the one Sinn Fein member of the new Dail and another prorepublican independent: Although like many in Fianna Fail. Ahern's family were once in the IRA, his own

instincts are moderate. On Northern Ireland, however, the new Taoiseach sounds less conciliatory than Bruton Whereas Mr Bruton professed to have equal regard for both communities. Mr Ahern presents himself as the champion of the nationalist population. But hard-headed professionals on the British side appreciate that Fianna Fail enjoys the advantage of having

more influence with Sinn Fein. Moreover, no settlement that involves a renunciation of the claim in the Irish Constitution to Northern Ireland can be made to stick without the support of Fianna Fail. The real problem is not Dublin, but the substantial section of the Catholic population in Northern Ireland who

are prepared to support Sinn Fein despite its links with the IRA.

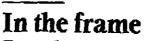
possible: indeed, some people think November 13, 1929, the index had fallen by 42 per cent. By March. 1932. that the growth of derivatives makes it had fallen by 77 per cent, and was to a big crash more likely. fall even further in the banking panic On Monday the Dow Jones index fell by 192 points, the second largest On August 20, 1931, the Deputy fall in history, so far as the number is concerned, but a relatively small fall of

iately before the 1929 crash. By the

day evening. A member of the society since his days at Balliol College. Oxford, Powell joins a venerable line-up of vice-presidents, including Lord Denning and the Duke of Norfolk. Prince Michael of Kent, the society's president, made the award at the so-

The position carries few responsibilities. "It is entirely an honour, with very light duties." said Anthony Camp, the society's director. "He is the oldest existing member and we thought that making him a vice-president would be a rather nice thing

• DISAPPOINTMENT has set in among Hong Kong's party-set after a promise by Laura Patten, the daughter of the Governor, to keep a "low profile" during the handover celebrations next week. Her demure stand by her father's side will be in stark contrast to her performance in 1992, when she mesmerised the colony by appearing at Patten's swearingin ceremony clad in a mini-skirt and low cut T-shirt.



IT was a seller's market at The Vine, a bar in north London, on Tuesday evening when some of the world's best-known lashion models, including Helena Christensen, Sophie Dahl and Iris Palmer, exhibited their art and poetry - even though the only person buying was Miss Christen-



Indignant: Iris Palmer

sen. The Danish model bought two of Jade Jagger's butterfly watercolours and an oil painting by Iris Palmer of a nude, whose curves, noted critics, owed more to Rubens than Lowry. Miss Palmer, who is busy growing

her ampit hairs for the photographer Helmut Newton, was defensive of her work. The Sunday Times's art critic, Frank Whitford, had described her painting as "poorly observed, making it difficult to believe that she attended art school". When her fellow model bought her work, priced at a mere £1,950. Miss Palmer said: "It just goes to show that Helena has got far better taste than Frank Whitford."

> The author, a political commentator and harrister, lives in Dublin.

Pratt's problem

THREE of London's grandest gentleman's clubs are in agonies over The former minister remains a member of Pratt's, the Turf and the Beefsteak - clubs which regard themselves with at least as much importance as the Privy Council from which he resigned this week.

When caught in a poke, gentleman's clubs tend to close up as rightly as shy mussels on a cold day. But they have three main options. Do they wait for him to do the right thing and tender his resignation? Do they boot the cad



Forgiving? Devonshire

out for his portfolio of ungentlemanly behaviour? Or do they rally round their man?

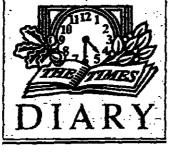
The best comparison is when Ludovic Kennedy requested Claus von Bülow be expelled from Brooks's when he was accused of trying to kill his wife," says Anthony LeJeune, the leading historian of London's gentleman's clubs, "Of course Von Bülow was then acquitted." Von Bülow stayed at his club, as did John Profumo. the former Minister for War, at Boodle's.

In Prant's the final decision rests with the Duke of Devonshire, who is by all accounts a lenient man, In the others they will most likely wair for his resignation, then sit on it for a while hoping the furore goes

On the plus side for Aitken, should he stay in foreign parts vesterday the tabloids were considering sending troops to South America and to Germany, to the schloss belonging to his friend Gloria Thurn und Taxis — he will be able to pay the cheaper subscriptions expected from club

 Double measures were going down at the Cavalry and Guards Club in Piccadilly yesterday after

members resident overseas.



the former Northern Ireland Secretary, Lord Mayhew of Twysden, was introduced to the House of Lords. Supporting him were friends from his cavairy days. Lord Elton and Lord Glenarthur. Between the three of then, they represented seven regiments reckoned to be a new record at Westminster.

Sign here

INDIAN fiction, still riding the crest of The New Yorker magazine's devotion of a whole issue to it. has notched up another coup. Andrew Wiley, the literary agent known as The Jackal. has signed up Ardashir Vakil, whose book Beach Boy was published by Hamish Hamilton to acclaimed reviews in May, "It's very flattering," says Vakil. "Wiley's office approached me and said they would like me to come over to them. It was an offer I couldn't refuse."

"I must have the one with the matching mire detector. darling"



AMSTERDAM SOUP

Europe's cooks have spoiled the summit's broth

The midnight oil that was burnt at Amsterdam last Wednesday gave out, it emerges, a flickering and unreliable light. Now that the Dutch have published the text, the post-mortem inspection of the Treaty of Amsterdam promises to be as fractious a business as was that most dyspeptic of European summits itself. All, it turns out, is not quite what it seemed.

France has again added to the gaiety of nations. President Chirac returned to Paris from Amsterdam claiming to have secured in perpetuity France's equivalent of the Ashes: treaty confirmation that the seat of the expensively peripatetic European Parliament resides in Strasbourg, 300 miles from Brussels. His boast was greeted with muffled mirth by summit-watchers in Amsterdam and London, not to mention Brussels where European taxpayers have just finished spending £850 million on the Parliament's lavish second home, the aptly nicknamed "Caprice des Dieux". No one else had any recollection of such a deal; surely, it was said, the French had a truly amazing capacity for wishful thinking.

This week, scanning the treaty text, these same seasoned operators have to wear pink faces and accept that M Chirac has the last laugh; France's deal is done, and if no one remembers nodding it through, it must be because by around 3am they were nodding off. The consolation prize for MEPs weary of the constant commuting between Strasbourg and Brussels is that, as a result of a drafting error, the summit also inadvertently extended the Parliament's powers of co-decision, giving it a veto for the first time on decisions unanimously agreed by the European Council.

The British Government, meanwhile, is puce with indignation over another little textual problem. Last week Tony Blair proudly proclaimed that while preserving Britain's border controls intact, he had secured the right to "opt in" at will to approved aspects of the Schengen regime for a frontier-free Europe. Embarrassingly, however, for the Downing Street spokesmen, that is not what the text says.

At Amsterdam, Spain, which was not alone in grumbling about Britain having its cake and eating it too, insisted that other states should have the right to veto such ad hoc British participation. Britain claims that

Spain's demand was rejected by other European Union leaders; yet the veto power appears in the Dutch text, the legality of which Robin Cook will today set out to challenge.

If all this occasions a quiet smile by John Major, who in his last parliamentary performance as Leader of the Opposition denounced the Amsterdam negotiation as botched and incomplete", he should not laugh too openly. Five years ago, the precise nature of what had been agreed at Maastricht was not clear until more than a month after he had triumphantly proclaimed "game, set and match" for Britain; and when the final text did appear, the victory for British negotiation looked a good deal less decisive than he had claimed.

For this diplomatic dog's breakfast it is too easy to blame the harassed Dutch, who have almost certainly made a better job of transcribing the jumble of notes and tapes than most other EU governments would have managed. The more important truth is that the Amsterdam summit was no way to do business. Too much was crammed into the agenda, because too little had been agreed by the time the leaders assembled. Addicts of the hoary metaphors about catching the Eurotrain should take note of the perils of allowing an obsession with timetables to triumph over political good sense.

It was held that to extend negotiation of this treaty beyond Amsterdam would impose unacceptable delay on the admission to the EU of Central and Eastern European applicants. But undue haste has had the same result, because Amsterdam ended in deadlock on the vital questions of reweighting national voting power and overhauling the Commission. It would have been better by far to have insisted that, even if it took more summits, leaders must persevere until there was a breakthrough.

This outcome may privately suit Helmut Kohl, whose ardour for EU enlargement has cooled markedly of late: the German Chancellor is increasingly incapable of thinking about anything except monetary union. But it is gloomy news for those with Europe's interests genuinely at heart. This treaty is not only a technical mess but a political betrayal of European democracy. It has hampered the task of enlargement which ought, as Mr Blair himself believes, to be Europe's cardinal objective.

THE GREAT DEBATE

If MPs want their speeches reported, they have to scintillate

The House of Commons has been in limbo since the election. With an interim Leader of the Opposition and a denuded and temporary front bench, the Conservative Party has not had the heart to oppose vigorously. While their leader was being chosen, Tory MPs spent more time arguing with themselves than with the Government. Ministers have been left to make policy more or less unhindered.

Now, in William Hague's words, it is time for a fresh start. The new leader engaged in his first Prime Minister's Question Time yesterday. He drew little blood but will have plenty of time to improve his tactics. The bigger question is whether he and his colleagues will be able to make the House of Commons an important part of the political process in the coming five years or whether, with Labour's huge majority, it will seem little more than marginal.

Newspapers are often accused of paying too little attention to the proceedings of Parliament. It is true that none any longer has a page devoted to parliamentary debate: events in Parliament have to compete with those outside Westminster on their news merit. When debates are scintillating, they are reported at length. But more often, they are not. This is a problem which only MPs and peers themselves can remedy. The more expertise they muster, the better their oratorical skills, the more likely they are to find their speeches reported in newspapers.

But the decline in parliamentary reporting is also a reflection of the fragmentation of politics. As recently as 1956, the Commons had a virtual monopoly on political debate. Broadcasters were not allowed to host

discussions on any subjects that were known to be coming up before Parliament within 14 days. Nor was any Bill allowed to be debated on the air between its laying before Parliament and its Royal Assent. Now there is a plethora of political and current affairs programmes on television and radio. The real political debate takes place in the studios of W12, not the chambers of SW1.

Politicians recognise this. Far more covetable than a slot in a debate is an invitation to appear on the Today programme or Newsnight. Gordon Brown made all his important policy speeches of the last Parliament outside the House. He reserved for the chamber itself a knockabout banter with Kenneth Clarke which may have amused but rarely enlightened.

If Parliament wants to be more newsworthy, it will have to fight hard, particularly during a period in which there is unlikely to be the drama of the Government losing a vote. Ann Taylor's proposed modernisation of parliamentary procedures should give greater scrutiny powers to select committees and standing committees. If their work becomes more interesting in the process, newspapers will devote more resources to their coverage.

But newspapers are no longer the sole conduit of information to people outside Westminster. Hansard and select committee reports are now available free on the Internet. A parliamentary channel is offered on cable TV. Political enthusiasts are better served than ever before. To attract the rest of the public, politicians will have to sharpen their wisdom, wit and ways of communication.

OMNIBUS TIME

When London regulations are a model for the nation

On the heels of the Prime Minister's demand for global action to reduce greenhouse gases, his deputy yesterday announced that his Environment and Transport Department is to carry out a thoroughgoing review of bus deregulation. Despite ambitious plans to revitalise the railways, build cycleways or bring trams gliding back to Britain's streets, the future of pollution reduction through public transport depends on the humble bus. With 3.7 million passenger journeys each day, buses in London still carry far more people than the Underground. They are cheap to operate, can be made to run on cleaner fuels and offer Londoners a service within about five minutes' walk from home and work. And, to the joy of tourists and those agile enough to run after a departing red Routemaster, the venerable open-ended buses, kept alive by enthusiasm and sparepart cannibalism, are still plying the capital's streets, despite the frowning disapproval of Eurocrats.

Londoners are lucky, however. The capital is one of the few cities where bus privatisation was not accompanied by deregulation - a Conservative measure that has, in most

cases, been a disaster. In some cities so many companies are now competing for the profitable routes that, while the high streets are clogged, the outskirts have lost virtually all their services. Flanders and Swann noted, years ago, that these monarchs of the road "like to drive in convoys; we're most gregarious". Now they arrive not in twos or threes but six at a time, none accepting the other's tickets or timetables.

Gavin Strang, the Minister for Transport, yesterday called for more bus lanes, better information, more partnerships between operators and local authorities and more convenient interchanges. He also wants greater stability in the market. Sensibly, he said the Government had no single blueprint: local authorities could decide how buses should be regulated. In some cities, such as Exeter, operators provide a good service; in others, such as Oxford, deregulation has led to mayhem. The important aim, as the department's report suggests, is "Keeping Buses Moving" With imagination and some new technology, these sturdy old workhorses ought to be made clean, safe, swift and frequent: truly an omnibus for all.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Does Britain still need a separate Royal Air Force?

From Field Marshal Lord Carver

Sir, I hope that the Government's strategic defence review will give serious consideration to the arguments put forward in Professor Robert Neild's letter to you (June 20) about the future of the RAF.

Current and likely future developments in the technology of electronics. optics and missiles raise doubts as to whether the sophisticated manned fixed-wing combat aircraft will for much longer be an efficient and costeffective platform with which to undertake the principal tasks, in both maritime and land/air warfare. which it has performed in this century: that is, reconnaissance, strike and air defence.

Furthermore the existence of a third armed service has introduced aggravating complications to command and control of operations, and the communications on which that depends. There is an abundance of hisiorical examples of that.

These complications have been intensified by the development of all as-pects of electronic warfare. They call into question the desirability of retaining a service which is essentially linked to that type of platform.

Yours truly, CARVER FM. House of Lords. June 20.

From Dr Philip Sabin

Police discipline

From the Secretary of the

serious discipline offences.

Branch Board

injury pension.

Yours sincerely, STEPHEN BLOWES,

Police Federation.

June 20.

Harold Scott House

1 Birchfield Street, E14.

From the Director of the

Prison Reform Trust

Secretary, Metropolitan Police

Minimum sentences

Sir, What you term the "principle"

that the Home Secretary can fix the

minimum term served by life sentence

prisoners (leading article, June 13) has

never been expressly endorsed by Par-

liament. To a large extent, present

procedures derive from a ministerial

statement by Sir Leon Brittan when

Home Secretary in 1983, rather than from any "compact" between Parlia-

ment and people when capital punish-

ment was abolished 18 years earlier.

Since an independent judiciary is a

defining feature of a free society, it is

rather odd for you to argue that politi-

cal intervention in sentencing is neces-

sary to sustain public confidence in

the criminal justice system. Setting lifers' tariffs reflecting retribution and

deterrence is properly a judicial func-

tion. But there should be a further

right of appeal for both defence and

prosecution to guard against excessive

Sir, Sinn Fein may not be irredeem-

able — the party's electoral mandate

shows that they have some popular

support. But the men who bear arms

Their campaigns of terror and

intimidation are not directed in sup-port of "political" objectives, but

rather to further their now ingrained

appetite for the proceeds of extortion.

blackmail, fraud and robbery, which

have become their sole raison d'être.

They will not, therefore, willingly

decommission their arms (report and

Northern Ireland, they will need to be

dealt with by policing, not politicking.

57 Albert Road, Epsom, Surrey.

Whatever the political solution in

severity or leniency.

STEPHEN SHAW,

Prison Reform Trust.

Ulster talks

From Mr Tom Hewitt

are beyond the pale.

leading article, June 25).

Yours faithfully,

T. W. HEWITT.

June 25.

The Old Trading House,

15 Northburgh Street, EC1.

Yours faithfully,

Director.

Inspectors Branch Board,

Metropolitan Police Inspectors

Sir, You briefly reported on June 12

that the Home Secretary has pledged

his support to the Metropolitan Police

in preventing officers from retiring on

ill-health grounds when accused of

Retirements on the grounds of "ill

health" and "injury awards" are gov-

erned by the Police Pension Regula-

tion 1987 and are based on the recom-

mendation of the Force Medical Offi-

cer. However his recommendation is

only that - a recommendation - and

the Police Authority (the Home Secre-

tary in the case of the Metropolitan)

may" grant the officer an ill health or

One could forgive the new Home

Secretary for not being fully conver-

sant with the regulations; but there

are no excuses for senior officers in the

Metropolitan Police for not knowing

that they already have the necessary

authority to prevent the alleged abuse.

Sir, I believe Professor Neild's letter to be based on a misconception of the role of manned aircraft.

Although crewless systems, such as missiles, are often favoured by weaker air powers such as Iraq, manned air-

craft remain far more efficient for superior air powers such as Britain and the United States. The dominance they enjoy was amply demonstrated in the Gulf War and over Bosnia, and is unlikely to be overturned in the near future.

Air power (both crewed and crewless) is the one form of military power which can completely ignore the land/ sea divide — a flexibility especially important for an island nation like the UK. Splitting it between Army and Navy would create artificial obstacles where none need exist; and would also quite unnecessarily jeopardise the fine traditions on which the RAF now

This would be perilous, given that the real comparative advantage which the UK enjoys in military power lies not in resources or technological capability but in the professionalism, dedication and spirit of its service

The real need is not to reopen long dead inter-service squabbles, but to build a truly joint-service approach. That will make possible the efficiencies that Professor Neild rightly desires and will allow the necessary integration of power across all the various environments - land, sea, air, space and now cyberspace.

Much progress has already been made along these lines in recent years, and I look forward to contributing further to this process through our academic input at the new Joint Services Command and Staff College.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP SABIN, King's College London, Department of War Studies,

From Mr Stephen Howd

Sir, Matthew Parris (June 20) asks

what is the distinctive role of the

Conservative Party now that Labour

has apparently accepted the free mar-

ket and rejected socialism. I would

suggest that there is a clear answer to

that question: the Conservative Party

must stand first and foremost for the

preservation of the United Kingdom

as an independent sovereign state.

This means opposing Labour's pro-

posals to break up the United King-

dom and taking a clear line against

any further moves towards European

integration. With William Hague as

our leader and Michael Howard as

our Shadow Foreign Secretary this

In my view we should go further, we should offer the British people a

referendum on whether we should re-

main in the EU or whether we should

withdraw from the EU whilst remain-

ing within the single market (the

This is a perfectly feasible option

which already exists and is enjoyed by

a number of non-EU states. This is the

policy on which we can win back the

millions of natural Conservative sup-

porters who either voted for the Refer-

endum Party or stayed at home on

(Chairman, Hook Branch, Brigg and

Sir, William Hague is right to em-

phasise unity and loyalty (report, June

20), two qualities so spectacularly

lacking in the last Conservative Par-

Parliament as a Conservative MP (in-

cluding 18 years on the executive of the

Goole Conservative Association).

Hook, nr Goole, East Yorkshire,

From Sir Anthony Grant

liamentary Party.

should now be possible.

European Economic Area).

May 1.

June 21.

Yours sincerely.

STEPHEN HOWD

From Mr Michael H. M. Hely

Sir. Before a party to a conflict can use the air to advance its aims by any method, that party must first establish air superiority or (preferably) supremacy. Likewise, success on the ground or at sea is dependent on the control of the air over the battlefield. Without such precondition, all efforts by the other arms are doomed to failure.

The recommendation of the Smuts committee of 1917, cited by Professor Neild, was based, not on a view of the war-winning effects of strategic bombing, but on the appreciation of General Smuts that:

We should not only make every effort to secure air predominance, but secure it on a very large scale, and having secured it . . . we should make every effort and sacrifice to maintain it for the future. Air supremacy may in the long run become as important a factor in the defence of the Empire as sea

Without air superiority, the Army and the Royal Navy would not be able to carry out even the limited role the professor allows for manned aircraft, still less the roles for which they are trained and alone capable of dis-

The winning, and then the maintenance of air superiority can only be achieved by those trained in the art and science of the use and application of air power - that is to say, only by airmen.

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully, MICHAEL H. M. HELY (Squadron Leader, RAF (retd)). Helions Chambers, Pilgrims' Waye, Camps Road, Helions Bumpstead, Suffolk. helionslaw@aol.com

opened the split which so plagued his

the sort of Conservative Party that I

If he can bury it forever he may lead

edecessor.

Yours faithfully,

Whiteacre,

ANTHONY GRANT,

The Chase, Oxshott, Surrey.

From Mr Nigel Chippington

man Labour most fear?

opposing Labour.

Yours faithfully,

College Street,

NEIL CHIPPINGTON.

Winchester, Hampshire.

him to find his sea legs.

CAROLE CHAPMAN.

From Mrs Carole Chapman

Winchester College.

choosing a leader, why did the Con-

servative Parliamentary Party not

elect the man who won the first two

ballots, who was undisputed favourite

of the Conservative constituency

chairmen, and who, we are told, is the

Why did the media become so hys-

terical when John Redwood took the

brave step of supporting Kenneth

Clarke for the leadership and making

a positive move for party unity? The

potential power of such an alliance

will never be realised, and I believe

the Tories have missed an exciting op-

portunity. These two politicians of sta-

ture and integrity would have made

this alliance work, and brought some

colour and charisma into the task of

I am doing my best to be a Conser-

vative supporter, but I am puzzled and

somewhat disillusioned. I wish Wil-

liam Hague all the luck in the world.

Sir, I am concerned that Chichester

Tories want Mr Hague "to earn his

spurs before he's trusted at the helm"

(letter, June 21). Personally, I'd prefer

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joined.

New direction for the Conservatives

The Forth Bridge as a work of art

> From Emeritus Professor Joseph Black, FEng Sir. Melvyn Bragg, in rightly admiring the Forth Bridge as a work of art "Real beauty in the eye of the beholder". Arts, June 23), asks whether "it was set up with little or nothing of art in the minds of their makers" and

I believe that Sir Benjamin Baker, designer of the bridge, answered those questions almost exactly 100 years ago. According to Michael Baxendall, author of Patterns of Intention (Yale University Press, 1985), Baker was responding to William Morris's belief that "there never will be an architecture in iron, every improvement in machinery being uglier and uglier, until they reach the supremest specimen of all ugliness - the Forth

"how many engineers knew a century

ago that those leaping spans ... were

an artefact of splendour and magnifi-

Addressing the Edinburgh Literary Institute. Baker responded with a vigorous defence. He doubted whether

. Mr Morris had the faintest knowledge of the duties which the great structure had to perform for could! judge the impression it made in the minds of those who, having the knowledge, could appreciate the direc-tions of the lines of stress and the litness of the several members to resist the forces. Probably Mr Morris would judge the beauty of the design from the same standpoint, whether it was for a bridge a mile long or for a silver chimney ornament It was impossible for any one to pronounce authoritatively on the beauty of an object

without knowing its function The marble columns of the Parthenon were beautiful where they stood, but if one took one and bored a hole through its axis and used it as a funnel of an Atlantic liner it would, to his mind, cease to be beautiful. but of course Mr Morris might think

Baker's final simple statement of faith could have come straight from the great Renaissance engineer/artist Alberti, who said: "The object has been so to arrange the leading lines of the structure as to convey an idea of strength and stability. This, in such a structure, seemed to be at once the truest and highest art."

Yours faithfully, JOSEPH BLACK 20 Summerhill Road, Bath, Somerset.

Honours equal Sir. Even with their curious system for

From Mr A. C. Record Sir, The Duke of Wellington (letter,

June 21) and a staff sergeant belong. I admit, to different worlds. However the Duke's habit of addressing his soldiers as "Sir" still reminded me of my lirst morning at Mons Officer Cadet School during National Service

When my platoon paraded, the sergeant made a few things clear. We called him "Staff", he called us "Sir". He then added: "The only difference is — you mean it."

Yours humbly still aware of my place. TONY RECORD, 4 Sambourne Court.

Sea Walls Road, Bristol. June 21.

Gone with the wind

From Mr David Himsworth

Sir, Your feature (June 16) and letters (June 21) on the shipping forecast re-minded me of a life-changing mo-

As a young boy I wanted to go to sea and work on trawlers. One evening I heard a shipping forecast: "Northwesterly wind force o veering northerly and increasing to violent storm force II. Frequent heavy snow showers. Severe icing. Poor. The area in question was Fair Isle. I never did go to sea.

Yours faithfully, DAVID HIMSWORTH, Hanging Hill Farm, Kennythorpe,

Malton, North Yorkshire.

Urban dereliction From Ms Maria Cope

Sir, Marylebone a suburb ("Lose at Lord's and weep at Wimbledon", June 21)? Marylebone is in the City of Westminster. Looking at the other "ordinary

London suburbs" referred to by Simon Barnes - Twickenham. Wembley and Wimbledon - I wondered how a London suburb should be defined: where do they start and where do they end?

Yours faithfully, MARIA COPE, 135 Rossmore Court.

Park Road, Marylebone, NWI.

Under cover

From Mr Gerry Sreenan

Sir. Would it not be more appropriate. given the uncertainty as to what should be exhibited beneath the Millennium Dome, if it were instead to be positioned over Wimbledon? Surely this would prevent, in perpetuity, two notorious British washouts.

Yours faithfully. G. SREENAN. 37 Peakes Place, Granville Road. St Albans, Hertfordshire.

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1922 Committee) may I suggest he will best reform the party by setting his face against the "one of us" philosophy. It was this nonsense that

As one who served 33 years in

Shot at dawn From Mr Christopher Langdon Sir, Your report (June 16) on the 11

wartime spies executed in the Tower of London reminded me of a story recounted by the son of Colonel Frederick George Langham, formerly the senior partner of Langham, Douglas

Frederick Langham commanded the Fifth (Cinque Ports) Battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment from October 21, 1911. in the early stages of the First World War he was stationed at the Tower of London and was responsible in 1914 for the execution of the German spy, Carl Lody.

He selected a spot in the moat but found at the last moment that he was overlooked from a nearby street and a knot of spectators had collected. The place had to be changed and the execution was carried out in a miniature rifle range where no one could

He found this a distressing duty. While Lody was in his custody, he developed an admiration for him, considering him to be a brave, loyal and zealous naval officer who found his task as a spy highly distasteful and knew his chances of evading capture were slim.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER LANGDON, Langham House, Albert Road, Hastings, East Sussex.

Aitken's fall

Yours faithfully,

From Mr Anthony Evans

Sir. I note the possibility that Jonathan Aitken might cease to be a member of the Privy Council (reports, June 23, 25). I thought you kept Rt Hon to the end of the road. Yours faithfully,

136 Crackley Bank, Chesterton, Newcastle, Staffordshire.

Re your letter From Mr Adrian Taylor

Sir, Recently you published a letter from professor Alec Eden (June 14)

about a curious response he had received in the post to an earlier letter published in your columns. It reminded me that, when you were kind enough to publish a missive from me in 1990 on that summer's drought, I received a host of responses, some 20 in total, over the following weeks. They are now in a file in our family's archives.

I have often wondered whether others who have had letters published in The Times have been similarly honoured. The Professor's letter is the first indication which I have had that it may be so.

Yours sincerely, ADRIAN TAYLOR, 1 Hill's Close, Corpusty, Norfolk.

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COURT CIRCULAR

HOTEL NEWFOUNDLAND

June 25: The Queen this morning visited Purity Factories Limited, St John's, and subsequently visited the Newfoundland School for the Deaf. Her Majesty afterwards visited Bowring Park and was received by the Mayor of St John's (His Worship

John Murphy).
The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon laid a wreath at St John's War Memorial were received by the Newfoundland and Labrador President of the Royal Canadian Legion (Mr Taylor French) nd afterwards met veterans. Her Majesty later watched a Tattoo

aı Signal Hill National Historical Site and sent a radio message to Bristol in the United Kingdom to Bristol in the United Kingdom to commemorate the first radio message received by Guglielmo Marconi.

This evening The Queen and The Duke of Edinhurgh were entertained to dinner by the Prime Minister (the Rr Hon Jean Chretien) and the Premier of Newfoundland and Lab-rador (the Hon Brian Tobin) at the Hotel Newfoundland

Histel Newfoundland.

His Royal Highness this morning visited Stratos Global Corporation.

Mount Fearl, and subsequently visited the Ocean Sciences Centre, Memorial University of Newfoundland. His Royal Highness afterwards called at the Crow's Nest Officers

Club, St John's. His Royal Highness, Founder and His Royal ringinuss, rounder and Chairman of the International Trust-ces. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this after-nron visited St Plus X Church. St

noon visited St Pus X Church. St John's, and presented certificates to young people who have achieved the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Young Canadians Challenge.

Mr Hugo Brunner (Her Majesty's Lord-Licutenant of Oxfordshirel was present at Royal Air Force Brize Norton this morning upon the Arrival of The President of the Federal Republic of Germany and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of The Queen.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 25: The Princess Royal today
attended the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association's One Hundred
and Efficient Agricultural the and Fiftieth Anniversary Show at the Showground, Dereham Road, New Costessey, Norwich, and was re-ceived by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk (Sir Timothy Colman KG). ST JAMES'S PALACE

hune 25: The Prince of Wales today visited Preston and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire (the Lord Shuntleworth). His Royal Highness, President, Business in the Community, this morning visited Horrocks's Centernary Mill, New Hall Lane, and was briefed by the Greater Deepdale Partnership on the regeneration strat-

egy for Preston and for the mill and mer a number of people employed in

> The Prince of Wales later visited Marks and Spencer plc. Fishergate, and met a number of employees involved in local community

His Royal Highness, President, Business in the Community, after-wards visited Preston North End

wards visited Preston North End Football Club and presented the 1997 Community Enterprise Awards, The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, this afternoon visited Moor Park County High School, met pupils and teachers and attended a Reception with repre-sentatives of local businesses which support the school.

His Royal Highness later visited Leyland Trucks Limited and toured

the production line, meeting mem-bers of staff, and presented Team Enterprise Awards". CLARENCE HOUSE June 25: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Patonn, was entertained at

Ninger, Farmin, was centrained at Lunchcon today by the Vice-President (Brigadier Anne Field) and members of the Women's Royal Army Corps Association at the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall. Miss Jane Walker-Okeover was in

KENSINGTON PALACE

June 25: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the Guide Association, held a Reception at Kensington Palace this afternoon following the presentation of Bronches to those who have become KENSINGTON PALACE

June 25: The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, ICOMOS UK (International Patron, it Ownos On (microanonia Council on Monuments and Sites), today visited Canterbury Cathedral, St Augustine's Abbey and St Martin's Church, Canterbury, Kent. YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE JAMES'S PALACE.
June 25: The Duke of Kent. President, this morning visited the Head-quarters of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. West Quay Road, Poole, and was received by Major General Mark Bond (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Dorse!).
His Royal Highness this offernoon.

His Royal Highness this afternoon named the lifeboat RNLB Edward Duke of Windsor.

Duke of Windsor.
The Duke of Kent, Patron, later visited Aidis Trust Headquarters. Cahor Lanc. Prole.
The Duchess of Kent, President, this morning attended the Macmillan Cancer Relief Rally and the Annual General Meeting at Queen Elizabeth It Conference Centre, Broad Sancturers, London SWI tuary, London SWI

The Earl of St Andrews celebrates his 35th birthday today.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President, Riding for the Disabled Associ-ation, will attend a show to mark the 21st anniversary of the Wilton Group, Pembroke Centre, Home Farm Lane. Wilton. Salisbury, at 10.45; and will attend the Moody Midsummer Meet at the Swanwick Marina, Southampton, at 12.45.

English Folk Dance and Song Society, will attend a party to launch the society's new Traditional Dance publication for Schools at Cecil Sharp House, Regent's Park Road, NVI, at 2.30.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Trustee, the British Museum. accompanied by the Duchess of Gloucester will attend a dinner for the American Friends of the British Museum, Great Russell Street

onen the Girls' Public Day School Trust's new Kensington Preparatory School, 596 Fulham Road, London SW6 at 2.30.

The Duke of Kent. President, All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, will attend the Wimbledon Championships at 12.30; and as guest of honour will attend the Royal Television Society's 70th anniversary dinner at Bafta, Picca-

Birthdays today

64: Sir Campbell Adamson, former chairman. Abbey National, 75; Sir Alan Bailey, civil servant, 66: Professor Kenneth Barker. Vice-Chancellor, De Montfort University, 63; Mrs June Bridgeman. former deputy chairman, Equal Opportunities Commission, 65: Mr L.A. Carpenter, former chairman, Reed International, 70; Professor Alexander Fenton, former research director, National Museums of Scotland, 68: Mr Willie Hamilton, former MP, 80: Rear-Admiral Sir David Haslam. 74; Lady Holland-Martin, former chairman, NSPCC, \$3: Professor Ruth Kempson. FBA, linguist, 53; Mr Robert Maclennan. MP. 61; Sir Peter Miles, former Keeper of the Privy Purse, 73; Professor Sir Alan Peacock, FBA, economist, 75; Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, QC. 78; Professor Maurice Wilkes, FRS. computer scientist, 84: Mr Colin Wilson, author, 66: Mr David Winnick, MP, 64.

Dinners

Woolmen's Company Mr Rex S. Johnson, Master of the Woolmen's Company, presented the Woolmen's Company 1997 Marshall Bursary to Ms Elizabeth Thomas and Ms Andrea Locke, for their work at Harper Adams Agricultural College, at the annual ladies dinner held last night at Plaisterers' Hall. Miss Judih Mayhew, Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee. Corp-oration of London, and Mr W. Eric Wilson also spoke. The Earl and Countess of Buchan, the Director General of the British Apparel and Textile Confederation and the Masters of the Plaisterers' and Feltmakers' Companies and their ladies were among those present.

Musicians' Company The Master and Wardens of the Musicians Company were the hosts at the midsummer dinner at Drapers Hall last night. Admiral Sir James Eberle was guest of honour and musical entertainment was provided by Ms Jill Morton. Foundation for Science

and Technology Lord Jenkin of Roding, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, pre-sided at a lecture and dinner discussion last night at the Royal Society. Dr Michael Sanderson, Dr Nicholas Tate and Mr John Berkeley were the speakers. Defence and Security Forum

Lady Olga Maitland, President of the Defence and Security Forum. presided at a dinner last night at the Carlton Club. Lord Maybew of Twysden, QC, was the guest LIRMA

General Sir Michael Walker. KCB, CMG, CBE, Commander-in-Chief UK Land Command, was the guest speaker at the annual dinner of the London International Insurance and Reinsurance Market Association held last night at Grosvenor House, Mr Philip Marcell. Chairman, presided. Miss Marie-Louise Rossi, Chief Executive, also spoke

Reception

Cameroon's National Day The High Commissioner for Cameroon and Mrs Libock were hosts at a reception at the Hyatt Carlton Tower yesterday to mark Cam-eroon's National Day (May 20). Ambassadors and High Commissioners were among those present.



By JOHN YOUNG

THE traditional village half may be in decline, but a small com-munity in southwest Shropshire has shown the way to replacing it with something altogether more ambitious, at a cost of nearly £500,000.

Yesterday the Newcastle Community Centre received from the Prince of Wales the annual Charles Douglas-Home Award. named after a late Editor of The Times, as the overall winner of the Community Enterprise Awards, organised by Business in the Community and sponsored by The Times and Deloitte & Touche. Villages in England do not

come much more isolated than Newcastle on the edge of Clun Forest near the Welsh border. There is no public transport, and the lack of social and cultural amenities was until recently compounded by the fact that the 50year-old wroden village hall was on its last legs, increasingly expen-sive to repair and maintain and deemed to be a fire risk. In late 1993 a meeting of

villagers decided to explore possible sources of funds for a larger, modern building on a new site. which would provide cultural, sporting, social and educational activities for all age groups, South Shrupshire District

Council gave a substantial grant and professional advice, and further funding came from the European Community and the Rural Development Commission. The main building, designed to fit sympathetically into an area of natural beauty, was opened on September I last year. It contains a large hall for concerts, dances

and other functions, lounge, activities rooms for young people, childcare facilities, and a computer centre used for job training and to assist the self-employed. Lottery funding has been re-ceived through both the Arts Council and the Sports Council. and the management committee is engaged in raising further funds

to match a £30,000 grant from the

community mom. run entirely by

The centre's main building, which opened last year

Countryside Commission to convert an adjoining field into a village green. The project is al-ready partly self-linancing and is intended to become wholly so by the start of the new millennium. tried to encourage

This year's awards competition has for the first time been divided into "large" and "small" cate-gories. The winning small project is the provision of a laundry and



volunteers, on the huge Beech Court housing estate in Salford. More than just an amenity, the "Dolly Tub" provides a meeting place for residents, many elderly

The cost of just under £60,000 has been met by a grant from the Government's single regeneration hudget and by gifts from charities and local businesses. A modest

enterprise it may be, but it clearly meets a social need and exem-

plifies the initiative which for more than a decade the Community Enterprise Awards have Regional awards were:

North East: Sedgefield Out of School Club, South Durham Hospice. North West Second Time Round Yorkshire and Humberside: Manor Development Scheme. Manor Sheffield. West Midlands: Sandwell Food Co-

East Midlands Marlock Bath Youth London: 198 Gallery, education and

training resource centre. Brixton. Upper Room (St Saviour's with St South East: Crawley open house and resource centre. "Tonix" young people's drop-in centre, Alresford. South West: Astor Community Centre Plymouth, Talaton Shop and

Post Office, Devon. Wales Track 2000, South Glamorgan. Coed Cae Community Centre. The Arts Factory. Scotland: Lewiston Nursery. The Big Project.

rthern Ireland: The Share Holiday Village.

West, Kellogg's: South East, John Laing Construction: London, United Biscuits: Scotland, Quik-Fit; South West, South West Electricity Board: Wales, Midland Bank, Community Enterprise Wales: Northern Ireland Deloitte & Touche/Bank of Ireland,

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.N. Branwell and Miss J.A.L. Roberts

The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Bramwell, of Rothley, Leicestershire, and Jessica, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Roberts, of Bodle Street Green, East Sussex."

Mr C.H.P. Cripwell and Miss G.I. Adams The engagement is announced between Hai, second son of Mr and Mrs Perer Cripwell, of Almeley, Herefordshire, and Gina. elder daughter of Rear Admiral and Mrs John Adams, of Burghelere, Hampshire.

Mr A.T. Dixon and Miss C.R. Beatty The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of the late C.J. Dixon and of Mrs C.P. Kirion (formerly Mrs C. Dixon). and Charlotte Rose (Rosie), only daughter of Mr and Mrs B.S. Bearty, both of Walton-on-Thames.

Mr R.O.B. Gardner Señocita A. Peña Rada The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Gardner, of York, and Alicia, eldest daughter of Don José Luis Peña Guezala and

Donna Maria del Carmen Rada Justo, of Las Rozas, Madrid. Mr P. Glynn-Jones and Miss S. Thomas The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of Mr Geoffrey Glynn-Jones, of Forge House, Eversley, and Mrs Lorna Glynn-Jones, of Leat House, Sowion

of the late Mr Gerald Thomas and of Mrs Thomas, of The Oaks. Captain R.R. Philipson-Stow and Miss C.N.H. Fraser

Village, and Samantha, daughter

The engagement is amounced between Captain Robert Philipson-Stow, The Blues and Royals, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robert Philipson-Stow, of Pendock, Worcestershire, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter and Miss F.K. Stalley

The engagement is announcedbetween Keith, son of Mr and Mrs ... lan Haywood, of Sandton, Johannesburg, and Frona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Stalley, of Ascot, Beckshire

Dr W.G. Liddell and Dr M.M. MacDougall The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs Adrian Liddell, of Westiver Farm, Hampshire, and Morag daughter of the late Mr Colin-MacDougall and of Mrs Susan MacDougall of Wells Somerse.

Mr N.R. Mayo and Miss I.R. Nunes

The engagement is announced between Neil, son of Mr and Mrs. Robert Mayo, of Guildford, Surrey, and long daughter of Mr. and Mrs Stephen Nunes, of Sanderstead, Surrey

Mr M.J.F. Pugsley and Miss C.L. Thomas and Miss C.L. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Martin John Follett, section of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs John Pugsley, of Plympton St Maurice. Devon, and Catherine Louise, daughter of the Rev Theo and Mrs Thomas, also of Plympton St Maurice. Plympton St Maurice.

Marriages ___

Mr T.L Dale-Harris and Mrs R.J. Wiggin The marriage took place quietly, in Guernsey, on Tuesday, June 24.
1997, of Mr Tim Dale-Harris to Mrs Rosemary Wiggin

Mr R.G. Waggott and Schorita M.A. Suares Lena and senorna M.A. Suarez cena
The marriage took place on June
21, 1997, in El Puerto de Santa
Maria, of Mr Roger Waggott, son
of Mr Graham Waggott and the
late Mrs Barbara Waggott of
Dormansland, Surrey, to Señorita
Maria Ata Saviert Lana addate Maria Ana Suárez Lena, eldest daughter of Don Luis Suarez Avila and Donna Josefa Maria Lena de Terry, of El Puerto de Santa Maria, Cadiz, Spain.

Anniversaries Luncheon

BIRTHS: William Thomson, ist BIGHTS: WHIRM: ITOMSON, 18t Baron Ketvin, physicist and inventor, Belfast, 1824; George Edward Herbert, 5th Earl of Carnaryon, archaeologist, 1866; Pearl Buck, novelist, Nobel laureate 1938, Hillsborough, West Virginia, 1892 DEATHS: Francisco Pizarro, con-quetor of the Inca empire, murdered, Lima, Peru, 1541: Gilbert White; ckergyman and naturalist, Selborne, Hampshire, 1795. The Victoria Cross was first awarded

by Queen Victoria to 62 servicemen at a ceremony in Hyde Park, London. 1857. King Edward VII opened the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, 1909.

Geoffrey Parkhouse

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Geoffrey Parkhouse will take place in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at noon-on Tuesday, July 29, 1997. All are welcome, and those wishing to attend are re quested to apply for tickets, for this service only, to: The Rector's Secretary, Room 29, 1 Little Cloister, Westminster Abbey, SWIP

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class) addressed envelope. Tickers

Cariton Club Viscount Cranborne was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Political Committee of the Carlton Club held yesterday at the club. Sir-Brian Goswell, chairman of the committee, presided. Mr Richard Simmens also spoke.

Service dinners HMS Victory

Colonel Ahmed Yousel Al Mulla. Commander of the Kuwait Navy. was the guest of homour at a dinner held last night on board HMS Victory in Portsmouth, Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Second Sea Lord and Com-mander-in-Chief, Naval Home Command, was the host.

The King's Regiment Members of The King's Regiment Officers' Dinner Club and their Omers Dinner Club and their ladies attended the annual function-held yesteray at the Royal Defence Medical College, Millbank, Brigadier J.J. Gaskelf, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

Mountain Artiflect

Field Marshal Lord Vincent of Coleshill, Master Gunner, St James's Park, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Mountain Artillery Dinner Club held last night at the Army & Navy Club. Major-General D.B. Egerton presided.

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BIRTHS

AURELES - On 1st June, to Eate (nee Chadder) and Glenn, the blessing of a son, Harvey Chadder James.

BARROWCLIFF - On 12th June 1997 in Lyon, to Isabelle (née Magne) and Grégoire, the gift of a daughter Constance Emma Marie. CRAWLEY - On 19th june, to Belinda (nee Bowland) and Nicholas, a son, Edmund William, a brother for Bortle and Tilly.

AWSON-On June 21st at the Hospital of Sr John & St Elizabeth, to Carola aud Rovin, a fabulous son, Tommas, a brother for Kal FORSYTH - On June 21st 1997 in Singapore, to Sally (nee Eliot) and Angus, a son, Dougal Angus Nicholson. LASOK - On June 18th, to Karen (nee Griffith) and Paul, a daughter, Anna Zefin Christina, a sister for

SHARROCK - On june 24th t Legals and Brian, a son. SHORT - On 24th june 1997 in Eastbourne, to Raren Margot (née Munnich) and Carl, a daughter, Charlotte Alexandra Felkna, a sister for Alexandra

WHITE - On 20th June, to Adele beautiful daughter, Clar

White - On Jone 9th, to Lisa (not Whitaker) and Michael, a beautiful daughter, India Grace. WHITMORE - On June 22nd at The Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, to Lucy (nee Dackens) and William, a son, James Alexander Dickens.

WHITTOME - On June 11th 1997, to Lucy (nec Broke) and Ashley, a son, Verd Orlando Abinger. ANNIVERSARIES

Wilson - David and Pam of Solihull, 26th wedding analyersary, We just spent a whole year colebrating our 25th for which we thank God - and we intend to continue.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

AYERS:HOROWITZ . In ironbridge, Shropshire, on 26th June 1947, Bill to DEATHS

ACTON - On 25th June Winifred Margaret of Markham. Much loved mother of iris and Rex, grandmother. Funeral on Monday 30th June. Short Service at the house at 3 pm followed by cremation at the Gweat Crematorium at 4 pm. No flowers.

BEALF - On 24th June 1997
peacefully at home Gilbert
Alexander aged 30 years of
Blandford, Dorset, Doarly
loved husband of Pamela,
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Dorset, tol: (01258) 453133.

SEER - Churles Graham Abbott very peacefully on 23rd June. Loved and loving husband of Sara, father of Charles and Verena and grandfather of his 10 grandfather of his 10 grandfather, beneral at St. Mary's Church, Eversley, on Thursday 3rd July at 230pm. Garden flowers only or donations if desired to fabrityles cis Geo. Futher & Sons, Funeral Directors, 113 Reading Road, Vateley, Hampablic GU66 7LR, tok (01252) 872297.

COOLIMG - John Hilton of Flampsteed died in his sloep on Tuesday 24th Juna. The Funeral will be on Friday 4th July at 11.30 am at Hampsteed Parish Church. Church Row. Family flowers only. Private cremation. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

CRAWFORD - Peacefully on Jone 24th, 1997, Alfred F1CE, oged 96 Very loved husband for 64 years of Pat. Devoted father of Janet and the late James and Roger. Loving grandfather and great-grandfather. Funerall Service to be held on Wednesday 2nd July at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium. Worth (Memorial Chapel) at 12.15pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to The Estitish Red Cross may be sent to Masters and Son, 4 Demmans Lare, Lindfield, West Sussex RH16 21R (01444) 482107.

FROST - Henry Francis (Harry) Feacrically at home on Wednesday 18th Jame 1997 aged 82. Sometime Director of Essench, Union International, widower of Ear, father of Elisabeth Morgan, Janet Young and David, and grandiather of Richard, Huw. Edward, Talmin, Toby, Harry and Tallulah, friend to many, Cremation private. Memorial meeting to be held at Friends Weeting House, Hemel Hompstead, Herts later. Letters to 25 Newbiggon Street, Thansed, Essen, CM6 2QS.

GARDINER - On June 24th after a long lilness, Patrick Lancaster, beloved husband of Susan, father of Josophine and Vanessa, grandfather of Jessele. Funeral private. A Musuorial Service will be held at a later date.

GREEN - Bernard Joseph of Chipping Campdon, Glos. Peacefally on June 25th, 1997, aged 84 years. Formerly doctor and surgeon to the Foreign, Colonial and Hume Offices. For details of Juneral arrangements telephone (01386) 840025.

MOLT - Richard Gordon, solicitor, of Tickhill, Yorkshiro died tragically on 17th June used 49 years. Dearly loved hubband of Heinn and darling dady of Jenni and Maithew, Funeral on 2nd July. 11.30 am at Sheffield Cathedral followed Shemen Galandrai followed by private creatatorium Family flowers and came only, please. Donations it desired to Alton Abbey, Hampshire. Memorial Sorvice to be held in London A much loved and respected

JARVIS - John Francis Jarvis.

OBE, MSc. BA. 27cd 61, died suddenly but punctfully on Saturday 21st June at The Princess Helena College, of thick the was Headmaster. Air Commodore Royal Air Force (rtd). The Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday 1st July at 2 pm, at Sr. Paul's Walden, Hortfordshire, followed by private cremation. Flowers, or donations to the British Hoart Foundation. The date for a Sorvice of Thanksgiving will be announced later. All enquiries and donaptions to W. Austin & Sons, Stevenage, tel: (01438) 316623.

JERRAM - On 24th June 1997 suddenly at his bottle in Cobham, Surrey, Rigel Jenner Jerram, beloved husband to Elleen and much loved stopfather and grandfather. The Fungrai Service will be held at Randalls Park Cremstodium, Leatherhand on Wednerden. Randalls Park Cremstorium, Latherhead, on Wednesday July Zad at 12:30 pm family Gowers only, Donndons if desired to The Buttle Education Trust elo James & Thomas Fuheral Directors, Mill Road, Cobham, Surzey KT11 3AL

KEVAL: - Eleanor peacefully in her sleep un june 23rd 1997, devoted wife of the late Roger Kevill, beloved mother of Mary-joyce, Celia and Roger (Tom), Ebquirles to H. & G Wilde Funeral Directors, Presson, tel: (01772) 335974.

MAXWEL OF ARDWELL - On june 23rd 1997 at home Colonel F. Gordon Maxwell, CBE, O St J. TD, aged 92. Beloved husband of True Beloved husband of True
Himition Marwell, father of
David and John and
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Peacefully at Winscombe
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ODLING - Major General William Odling CB, OBE, MC, DL, died Peacefully at home on june 22nd aged 88. Beloved husband of Margaret, father of Anne Bughes, Tony, and Lizzle Dunss, grandfather of 5 and with 1 great-grandson. Funeral 3rd July at 2.30 pm. St Andrews Church, Fingringhoe, Coichester. No flowers by request.

LESLE MELVALE - On 23rd june 1997 The Hon. George David, grently loved husband of Didle and father of Annabel and James, suddenly as a result of a heart condition. Private funeral. Thanksgiving Service to be announced later. Illness patiently borno. Dearly loved bushand of Jane (não junet Newbery). Loving father and grandfather. Funesal Service at Torquery Crestatorium on Tuesday lat July at 2 pm. Donations in these of flowers to Ozfaim do Perding Fuseral Services, 101A High Street, Tottees, Devon, tek (01803) 862417.

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PROCE - Joan Price MSE, on 22nd June 1997, shortly before her 92nd birthday. Funeral at Greensted Church, Ongar, at 2.15 pm on Monday 30th June Enquiries to Daniel Robinson & Sona, 79-81 South Street, Bishops Stortford, tel 01279 655477.

STUART WESON - On June 21st, 1997, Major Thomas (Sam) Steart Wilson, T.D., let Mons. in his 90th year. Dearly beloved husband of Greta for 62 years, indeed father of Simon and Bryony, loved grandfather. Fuperal Service on Monday, June 30th at 3pm Melian Church, Felindre Farchog, Fembrokeshira. L. quicks to J. [exkins & Son (01348) 873076.

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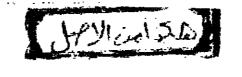
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JACQUES-YVES COUSTEAU

Jacques-Yves Cousteau, underwater explorer and film-maker, died yesterday in Paris aged 87. He was born on June II. 1910.

generation well-nigh glutted on multi-part television ecological spectaculars will inevitably find it hard to imagine the immense impact made by Jacques-Yves Cousleau's film The Silent World when it burst on astonished cinema audiences in 1955. In it. Cousteau led a magical adventure into an unknown world. The shimmering forms of leaping dolphins filmed from the hollow glass dome under the bow of his converted minesweeper Calypso are vivid in the memories of those who first saw them, even after 40 years. The book of the same title which had spawned the film became a runaway world bestseller, to date selling more than five million copies in 20 languages.

It may justly be said of Cousteau that he single-handedly converted marine science from a dark backroom minority interest into a popular science. He also recognised its political appeal. In the later years of his life he changed his stance from that of the effective 'father" of underwater hunting (through his development of the aqualung) to that of the articulate conscience of environmental

concern. This did not always go down well with his fellow marine scientists. many of whom felt that his activities were closer to those of Walt Disney than to the work of men like Harald Sverdrup or Richard Fleming. Many scientists heartily resented his impact on the media, and on politicians and public attitudes. It seemed to some of his contemporaries that, while physical oceanographers strove to understand the circulation of the oceans. and marine geophysicists unravelled plate tectonics, the spotlight was always on a French diver in a tropical lagoon.

Jacques-Yves Cousteau was born at St André de Cubzac, a small town not far from the Gironde. Conventional schooling bored him. and he was expelled for breaking 17 of his school's windows. He entered the Ecole Navale at Brest in 1930. His training and early cruises as a young officer took him to China, French Indo-China and the Soviet Union, including work off the coast of Siberia.

He served in a number of warships up to 1942, and was trained as an air observer for the French Navy. He had intended to make naval aviation his career but a near-fatal car crash put paid to that ambition and set him on a new course. Swimming vigorously, as therapy for badly damaged and wasted arms, he discovered the element of water which was to dominate his life.

In 1937 Cousteau learnt to dive with closed-circuit oxygen equipment of the type used for escaping underwater at ambient pressure. In

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from submarines. This equipment was later developed by the principal navies in the Second World War to form a diver attack breathing set for sabotage, mine clearance and beach surveillance. The equipment was limited to a safe maximum depth of 10-15 metres, because pure oxygen becomes poisonous at this pressure. Cousteau was familiar with the work done by Gilpatric, Taillez, Yves le Prieur, Dumas, Corlieu and others, and gradually perfected the mask and fins which were used by spearfishermen on the French Riviera

during the 1930s. In 1939 Taillez, Dumas and Cousteau were already experimenting with an underwater cinecamera and Yves Le Prieur's airbreathing system. After the fall of France in June 1940, the group continued its researches under very restricted conditions. Movie film was made into suitable lengths by joining hundreds of rolls of ordinary 35mm cassettes. Spear-lishing provided valuable extra food. The group's first film, Par dix-huit mêtres de fond, was completed in 1942. Cousteau at this time was also leader of a counter-intelligence group in the Resistance, for which he was later awarded the Légion d'honneur.

In June 1943 the first automatic demand valve air breathing aqualung was perfected jointly by Cousteau and Emile Gagnan. The key patentable principle of the invention was a valve which supplies air with very slight suction from the swimmer, and an exhalation valve immediately adjacent to the inhalation valve. The inhalation and exhalation pressures were thus balanced, and the diver could breathe with very little effort. Also, because the inhalation and exhaust pressures were identical, the valve could be made very sensitive, with no risk of the air free-flowing to waste, no matter what position the diver occupied in the water. During that summer Cousteau, Dumas, and Taillez logged 500 dives between them, with a maximum depth of 60 metres.

After the end of the war the aqualung (or. in American terminology, SCUBA - the Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus) became a popular item sports equipment, with tens of thousands of sets being sold in California alone. Sports divers today are counted in millions.

In 1944 Cousteau formed, with Taillez, the Groupe d'Etudes et Recherches Sous Marine of the French Navy at Toulon, the first unit of its type to develop diving equipment of all kinds. Although Cousteau was not the only innovator in this fertile field, he and his teams of engineers were directly involved in many early experiments with underwater television, underwater lighting, colour photography and cine-photography underwater, and, by the mid-1960s. the first experiments in living



Preparing to dive. Cousteau being helped into his Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus off Monte Carlo in 1965

1959 Cousteau launched the first modern and truly manoeuvrable small submarine, the so-called Plunging Saucer, which started a new industry.

The converted diving tender L'Ingenieur Elie Monnier, acquired in a derelict state at the end of the war, was Cousteau's first research ship. In 1951 he was granted leave from the French Navy to conduct scientific research. and converted a former Royal Navy minesweeper into the diving research vessel Calvpso. Thus began a long series of cruises supported by scientific laboratories, the French Navy, the American National Geographic Society and various private sponsors. A combination of scientific investment and commercial sponsorship, with sale of film and television rights, kept the enterprise solvent. Research and filming expeditions extended across the Indian Ocean, the Pacific

Antarctic ice. The book of The Silent World was published in 1953. In simple, unassuming terms, the story of his early struggles was told with photographs of the undersea world in colour. It inspired a generation of young people, who took up diving as a sport or used diving in underwater research or engineering. The story projected a simple

coral reefs, and even beneath the

craftsman's love of the sea. With a students and scientists and combination of bravery, adventure. luck and ingenuity, Cousteau and his comrades survived and triumphed over everything — sharks, storms, gas poisoning and underwater explosions. This amalgam of totally professional planning and

entation became the Cousteau trademark. The film of the same name was a feature documentary using the most up-to-date technology, and was not intended to narrate the same story as the book. It won the Grand Prix of the 1956 Cannes Film Festival and the 1957 Oscar for

feature documentaries

seemingly artless modesty in pres-

n 1956 Cousteau was invited by the Comité International de Perfectionement de L'Institut Océanographique de Monaco to become its director. The famous laboratory, founded by Prince Albert 1 of Monaco, had sunk into poverty. Cousteau was faced with the enormous task of attracting investment, promoting public interest, and improving both the research programmes and the public exhibits.

The appointment was controver sial, since Cousteau was not, and did not claim to be, an academic. With typical energy he expanded the aquarium, attracted foreign

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launched an ambitious series of cruises and research projects.

The initial patent of the aqualung was exploited by licensing in many countries, and a series of companies grew up marketing a range of diving gear, suits, masks, lifejackets, and commercial diving equipment for the offshore oil industry. The first experiments in underwater living were conducted in 1962 in the Bay of Marseilles at a depth of ten metres. This was followed by the construction of two underwater houses in the Red Sea in 1963, and finally a large spherical underwater habitat at a depth of 100 metres off Villefranche in 1965. The intention of this last experiment was to demonstrate to the offshore oil industry that divers could live and work for days or weeks at depths of 100-200m and

conduct heavy industrial work. Numerous countries and companies copied these projects, but the development turned out to be an evolutionary dead-end. Although the idea of living beneath the waves is fascinating, the logic of economics dictates that it is always cheaper to bring divers to the surface and store them under pressure in a deck decompression chamber between

During the 1960s and 1970s television series followed one another with almost predictable success. Cousteau, who made more than 150 films, was synonymous with the sea, with research in the ocean and with an environmental consciousness that longed to save the planet from pollution. In 1973, with a fanfare of publicity, he declared himself totally opposed to spearfishing, the sport — or search for food — which had nurtured the

first divers on the French Riviera in the 1930s. During the 1970s the controversy over his position as a scientist and publicist became more intense. In August 1979 the death in a plane crash of his son and presumed successor in the underwater world, Philippe, was a terrible blow.

Several projects went wrong. Managing the Cousteau commercial empire and the Oceanographic Institute in Monaco was an immense task for a man over 60. In 1972 the plan to build a huge diver-lock-out submarine, called the Argyronète, was abandoned amid financial recriminations and government intervention. Criticism of Cousteau's stand on

environmental issues became more acute. Put simply, the allegation was that he used the good name of science to justify his expeditions and filming, and then exploited the public's longing for simple sol-utions to environmental problems

to make money. The BBC conducted an interview programme in the mid-1970s entitled Will the Real Captain Cousteau Please Stand Up? In it, science journalists interrogated Cousteau before an invited audience of environmentalists and scientists.

Under this unrelenting scrutiny. Cousteau defended himself extremely well. He stated over and over again that he was not a scientist. He said that he saw himself as an engineer turned impresario, a man who could make things happen, who could give others the chance to discover truth and to change the world. At the end, the impression was that Capitaine de Corvette Jacques-Yves Cousteau knew exactly what he was doing, and was neither a hypocrite, nor self-deceiving,

ven at the end of his life Cousteau showed no signs of slowing down. He was a vociferously energetic opponent of French nuclear testing in the Pacific. He had recently commissioned a successor to Calypso (which sank off Singapore in 1996 after a collision with a barge): the custom-designed

and ecologically sound Calypso II. Cousteau's great achievement was to create the popular image of the science of the sea. His craggy wizened face in half-lit profile was sufficient to market any product, expand the membership of any society, hype the sale of any book, promote any film. His books and films on the sea seemed to dominate the world of popular science and ecology with the same total obliterating effect of Walt Disney in cartoon films. After a while, there was no one else left in the competition.

At the technical level many of his innovations - the aqualung, the miniature submarine and highquality underwater filming - were immensely creative. The underwater living experiments were a technical tour de force, even if eventually they led nowhere. Cousteau the image-maker was unique. both in the literal sense of creating moving pictures, and in the sense of touching the hearts and minds of millions with his ideas. Everybody who could read a newspaper or book or watch a television set knew that Cousteau had said the sea was important; that we must love the sea, protect it, care for it, explore it. farm it and nurture it. He changed the way in which people saw the planet: not so much Planet Earth as Planet Water.

Cousteau is survived by the elder son, Jean-Michel, of his marriage, in 1937, to Simone Melchior, who died in 1990. The relationship between father and son had lately been soured by what Jacques-Yves saw as the latter's commercial exploitation of the Cousteau name in a Fijian eco-vacation resort. Cousteau married, secondly, in 1991, Francine Triplet, and is survived also by her and by their son and daughter.

and translating his Outline of

European Architecture for its

Spanish edition, published in

Taylor also lectured for the

Hispanic Society of America,

and was visiting professor at Columbia and Yale universi-

ties. It was on a lecture tour in

1961 that he travelled to Puerto

Rico, where he met Luis Ferré.

a patron of the arts and later

Governor of the island. Ferré

invited him to become curator

of the Ponce Art Museum.

Taylor travelled to Europe to

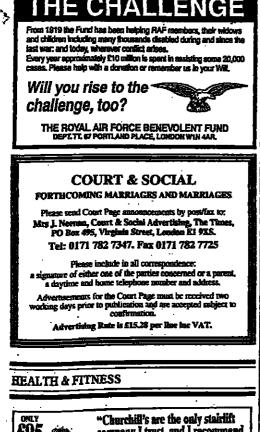
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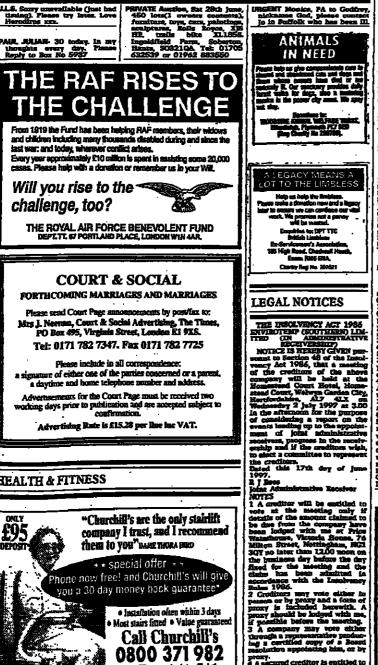
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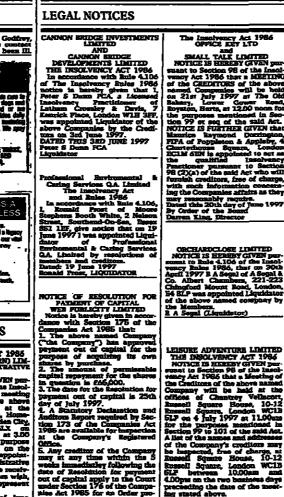
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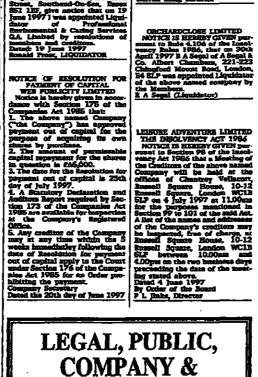
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RENÉ TAYLOR

Spanish architecture and art, died on May 28 aged 80. He was born on December 9, 1916. A DISTINGUISHED Hisp-

Reué Taylor, expert on

anicist, René Taylor was better known in Spain and the Americas than in his own country.
In the early 1960s he was

appointed curator of the Ponce Art Museum in Puerto Rico, a small collection exhibited in a beautiful old house. Under Taylor it expanded greatly and moved to purpose-built quarters designed by the American architect Edward Stone. Tourists came from all over the world to admire exhibits ranging from pre-Columbian pottery to contemporary Puerto Rican painting, and from exquisite examples of Italian Baroque to a fine collection of Dutch and Flemish art.

ly. His mother was a painter. He was sent back to

Parting is such sweet sorrow, but it

was the sweetness rather than the

sorrow which predominated at Dame

Nellie Melba's farewell concert at the

Albert Hall last night. It is true that the two biggest arias which she chose to sing

were the same songs of farewell as she

sang at Covent Garden a few weeks ago -

Mimi's "Addio" from La Bohème and

Desdemona's "Ave Maria" from Otello,

which are more poignant and more

bitter than the good-bye which she wished to bid us last night.

So not to wring our hearts over-much

she eschewed depth of feeling, keeping

back the bitterness of those tragic songs

she poured out the sweetness of her

voice. Perhaps the sentiment most fitting

found expression in "Home Sweet

Home" which she sang to her own

special associations with her name,

Beside these two arias, which have

accompaniment after many recalls.

René Claude Taylor was born in north London, but his father was a travel agent who was later based in Barcelona, and René grew up in Spain and spoke the language fluent-

ing school he returned to Spain to study at the University of Barcelona. But when the Spanish Civil War broke out, he returned to England and took an external degree in Spanish at London Univer-During the Second World War he served in the Intelli-

England to be educated at the

Roman Catholic Beaumont

College, Windsor. After leav-

gence Corps, being entrusted with the task of determining the tides, so that the body of the "Man Who Never Was" could be floated ashore on the Spanish coast from a submarine. In one of the great deceptions of the war, the corpse, which purported to be that of a British officer, carried fake plans for an Allied invasion of Greece in the summer of 1943, so disguising the true intention of invading Sicily. Handed over to the Germans by the Spanish, the Man Who Never Was fooled the Axis powers, who needlessly reinforced Greece and left the defences of southern Sicily relatively unprepared.

When the war was over, Taylor -- by this time married



and with a family - was anxious to go back to Spain to pursue his studies. He wrote Nikolaus Pevsner and asked him for his advice, and Pevsner suggested that he go as soon as possible, while his children were still young. Accordingly, Taylor set off with his wife Constance and

their three girls, all under the age of six, and began to study Andalusian Baroque architecture with great determination. gaining a PhD in the process. The couple both taught Eng-

lish at Granada University, and Pevsner entrusted Taylor with the task of amplifying



Burne Jones's painting of the death of King Arthur. Taylor wrote several books, including Arquitectura Andaluza (1978) and works on Baroque plasterwork in churches and on the Sevillian

His first marriage, to Constance Baker, which produced four daughters, was dissolved in 1979. He then married Lydia Argentina

MELBA'S FAREWELL. ON THIS DAY LAST CONCERT AT THE ALBERT HALL

June 26, 1926

Dame Nellie Melba (1861-1931) gave a farewell concert in the Albert Hall that was far from dominated by "the sadness of farewell" and included Home Sweet Home, sung to her own accompaniment.

Dame Nellie Melba sang two arias of Mozart, "Voi che sapete" and L'Amero," from II Re Pastore, in which she had the assistance of Mr Lionel Tettis's sensitive viola obbligato. Her last contribution were songs to the piano accompaniment of Mr Harold Craxton, in which she included Strauss's "Serenade," but its half playful, half serious mood is too

remote from her own style to make it the perfect ending of a last concert. Mr Tettis played a number of viola solos. Mr John Brownlee, a bass with a

voice copious and freely flowing like Dame Melba's own, sang a number of songs, and the orchestra under Sir Henry Wood played one or two light pieces that served to lend a touch of friendly ceremonial to the proceedings.

The audience was large and liable to gusts of excitement. A pause on a dominant seventh, a prolonged note of climax, or an abrupt cadence in the middle of the music, either of voice, viola, or orchestra, was enough to provoke applause. Very naturally too. there were many proud Australians in the audience whose patriotism was a further emotional element. There can be no partings without feelings, and Dame Nellie may well carry away into her own land the warm memory of last night's leave-taking to the concert room.

The King intimated his wish that the Australian Cricket Team should occupy the Royal Box and the Prince of Wales gave his box for the use of disabled Australian soldiers. Dame Nellie Melba has sent all the floral tributes received to the patients of St George's Hospital.

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Blair gives ultimatum to IRA

■ Tony Blair yesterday delivered an ultimatum to the IRA by announcing plans to start detailed talks on Northern Ireland's future in September - with or without Sinn Fein.

The Prime Minister wants the discussions over by May 1998. with any agreement being put to the people of Northern Ireland soon after in a referendum. He was effectively telling the IRA to declare a ceasefire by the end of July to have any

Mir space station holed

A collision in space punched a hole in the Mir space station. putting at risk the lives of the three cosmonauts on board, who were practising a docking. The unit was quickly sealed off and Russian mission control said that the cosmonauts, who include British-born Michael Foale, were safe _____Pages 1, 3

Ffion resigns

Ffion Jenkins, the fiancee of William Hague, has resigned from the Civil Service only days before she was expected to return to her post serving a Labour CabinetPage 2

Game to the rain

The undercover heroes of Wintbledon waited nine hours before springing into action and removing the covers. They had to get them back on again within an ...Pages 5, 48, 52

Diana's minefield

Diana, Princess of Wales, was said to be "extremely disappointed and frustrated" after deciding to withdraw from a meeting at the House of Commons to discuss

Value for money Jennie Page, the Millennium

Dome project's chief executive. defended her £500,000 salary package, saying she was "worth Page 7 every penny"....

BA strike vote

Holiday and business travellers plans could be disrupted this summer after British Airways cabin crew voted in favour of strike action.

Back from the grave

The faces of two Egyptians who died almost 2,000 years ago have been reconstructed from their Flinders Petrie in 1888..... Page 9 had.

Phone tapping victory

Alison Halford, the former police assistant chief constable, won a European Court ruling over the tapping of her telephone which could herald new privacy laws in

Staying inside

A former British soldier offered a conditional discharge from his three-year sentence in Sarajevo has opted to stay behind bars, demanding a pardon or retrial from the Bosnian state ... Page 15 Football protest

With Germany bidding to host the 2006 world soccer championships, Hitler's run-down Olympic stadium in Berlin which is meant to be the focus of the contest has provoked a rowPage 16

Hong Kong petition Eight Hong Kung Chinese police officers with full British passports

have petitioned the Queen to let them retire on full pension before the July I handover Page 17 Frontiers claim

Britain claims the Amsterdam treaty text has inserted conditions on frontiers and police demanded by Spain but unapproved by EUPages 18. 23

Clinton's past

The Whitewater special prosecutor has expanded his inquiry into any extramarital relationships skulls which were excavated by that President Clinton may have

Cousteau joins the world of silence

Captain Jacques-Yves Cousteau has gone to the world of silence," the Cousteau Foundation announced, in a reference to The Silent World, the celebrated oceanographer's Oscarwinning 1955 documentary. President Chirac mourned the death at 87 of "an enchanter in the tradition of ocean explorers



Members of the Household Cavalry dressed as the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse leaving their barracks yesterday to rehearse in Hyde Park for the Pageant of the Horse, which will be held on Saturday week in Windsor Great Park

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Jobs: The Government is to extend significantly its new jobs programmes by offering all young unemployed people training and employers a new training subsidy of E750 . ..Page 27

Granada: Mercury Asset Management, the big City investor, indicated it would reject a £771 million bid by Granada for Yorkshire Tyne-Tees TelevisionPage 27

Economy: Britain's trade deficit widened unexpectedly in April as booming domestic demand sucked in record imports ...

Markets: The FTSE 100 index rose 43.7 points to close at 4640.0. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 101.6 to 101.3 after a fall from \$1.6658 to \$1.6640 and from DM2.8717 to DM2.8676.... Page 30

SPORT

Rugby union: Bath have the most demanding draw in the pool stage of the Heineken Cup next season. They must face Brive, the holders, and Pontypridd, the Welsh cham-

Tennis: Monica Seles, the women's No 2 seed, raced to victory in just 46 minutes against Rachel McQuillan in their first-round match at Wimbledon after rain delayed the start of play for six hours Page 48

Cricket: Keith Piper, the England A and Warwickshire wicketkeeper, has been fined £500 and suspended for failing a drugs test Page 52 Rugby union: leuan Evans, the Llanelli and Wales wing, will miss the British Isles' international against

South Africa on Saturday because

Cottook: dull, wet and cool again

over all eastern and central parts of

England and Wales, some rain heavy

with thunder Chill north wind, bright spells in parts of Kent and East Anglia

Rest of UK should have bright spells

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England, NE England: cloudy and cool with rain, heavy at times. Max

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of a groin injury ...

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Holy vaculty! Great visual effects, shame about the characters and plot - all the technical wizardry of Batman & Robin cannot disguise the shallowness of the ...Page 36

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role as wife of the last Governor of

Hong Kong, Lavender Patten is

ooking forward to being her own

Hong Kong handover. Books re-

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selves as taking a highly principled stance in announcing that their Prime Minister and Secretary of State would boycott the swearing in of the provisional legislature, both Briatin and America have now revealed that they will have diplomats present at the ceremony. Had this compromise been reached earlier, yesterday's news might invite less scorn. But their attempts to have their cake and eat it mean London and Washington have forfeited any right to the moral high ground which they like to claim -South China Morning Post

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This treaty is not only a techn mess but a political betrayar of European democracy. It has man pered the task of enlargement which ought to be Europe's care nal objective Page 25

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H Parliament wants to be time newsworthy, it will have to the hard, particularly while there is unlikely to be the drama of the Government losing Page 23

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With imagination and some new technology, these sturdy old years horses ought to be made clean sale, swift and frequent truly omnibus for all

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It looks inevitable that John Brutte will be replaced as Taoiseach. Beit 🥻 🛎 ain will thereby lose a Prime Minis ter uniquely well disposed towards her and uniquely conciliatory to wards the Unionists...... Page 22

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New Labour will face some shocks in its period of office; a Wall Street shock is likely to be one the ... Page 22 them....

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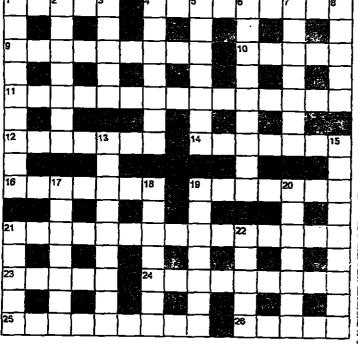
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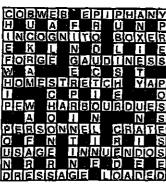
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23 Let the French back down (5). 24 Dr. Ellis - he takes a turn around deck (9).

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25 Cat's-paw has to act cautiously (9). 26 Parrot that's beginning to make a comeback in mountainous region

European nibbled round a little

2 Cockney's suggestion to lady and gentleman is only provisional (7). 3 Committee that camouflages its

effectiveness (5). 4 Aggressive type offering drink to monarch (7). 5 Trap set up with long entrance (7).

6 Mischievous child on playground is extremely rude and rough (9). 7 Greatly admire Matilda's confession about son (7).

8 Whip up drama abroad in great surroundings (5). 13 Fix one sort of match at once (5.4).

15 He organised household unusually - she cleans (9). 17 They give infallible advice when boats don't start (7).

18 In the ring, returned to it (7). 19 Circus performer with dram about to turn up (7). 20 With more grass about. Edith

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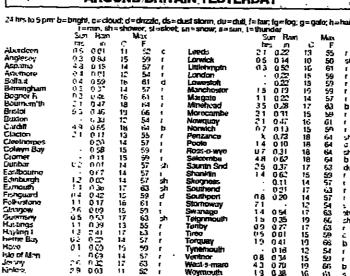
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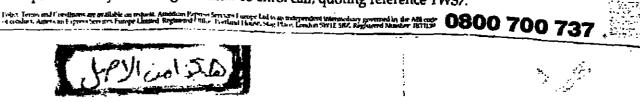


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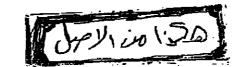
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BUSINESS

BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

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bonus scheme that rewards directors even if they fail to meet scheme paid Lord Blyth, Boots's chief executive, a bonus of £181,000 last year, increasing his pay package 18 per cent, from £595,000 to £701,000, in the year to March 31. In addition, Lord Blyth was

awarded a bonus of £157,000 under

According to The Boots Compa-ny's annual report, the short-term bonus scheme rewards executive directors "by reference to challenging but achievable forecasts". The performance criterion last year was

indicate that a bonus of 10 per cent of salary is payable on achieving just 95 per cent of the profit after tax budget: 25 per cent is payable on achieving the budget and 35 per cent is awarded for performance 10 per

refused to reveal what its profit forecast was in the last financial year but, assuming the company merely passed the 10 per cent over budget hurdle, Boots was forecasting post-tax profits up by \$.5 per cent. A spokesman for Boots said the bonus scheme was intended to reward executives if they get within

Boots's internal forecasts were

earnings per share predictions matched or marginally surpassed by the level of actual earnings announced by Boots last month.

The Boots short-term bonus scheme is unlikely to satisfy the corporate governance lobby which expects bonuses to be awarded on the basis of demanding targets. Anne Simpson of Pirc, the pen-

sion fund consultancy, said that bonuses should be awarded for out-

TODAY performance. She said: "You get your salary for doing your job moderately well, which includes STOCK MARKET INDICES hitting your budget. Directors will be asking for a bonus for getting out

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Wessex plea

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companies that are good

performers. Nick Hood. chairman, said calculations

should be based on the value of companies immediately after privatisation. Page 28 lonica Ionica, the telephony company that operates in the East of England and the

Midlands, said it intends to

seek foreign partners in an

overseas business.

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effort to develop a significant

Boots directors awarded £600,000 in bonus scheme

BY CARL MORTISHED

DIRECTORS of Boots gained almust £600,000 from a short-term hudgeted profit forecasts. The

the company's long-term bonus plan and he exercised options over shares to realise a gain of £396,000. His total financial gain over the year, including salary, bonuses and share options, was £1.25 million.

cent ahead of budget.

Last year, the executive directors were awarded the maximum bonus of 35 per cent of salary when the company raised its post-tax profit. excluding exceptional items, by 9.4 the range of the profit target.

probably more conservative than

problems with remuneration today as there were two years ugo." Commentary, page 29 TONY WHITE Memo to EDS staff: is your

> necessary? By Jason Nissé

workmate really

EDS, the American technology consultancy with government contracts worth more than £250 million a year, has asked its staff to suggest jobs that can be "eliminated" as part of a purge to cut its

workforce in Europe by 2,000. In a memo to all 22,000 of EDS's European employees — 10,000 of whom are in the UK - John Bateman, chairman of the Europe. Middle East and Asia region of EDS, says that the group is cutting 7,000 to 9,000 jobs worldwide and that about 2,000 of those will be in the European region.

trade magazine Computer Weekly, continues: "We need to hear from you. If you know of a position which can be eliminated, a contractor who can be replaced by an EDS employee or an open job that need not be filled, speak up. You need to be involved in slimming the organisation. because it's your own job

you're preserving."
Mark Fox, EDS's European corporate communications manager, denied that the memo asked staff to point out those who were not working hard enough so that they could be removed. He said

that the group had 2,800 vacancies and 1.500 outside contractors working for it. "What Mr Bateman is ask-

of bed next." Ms Simpson said the

question was whether the budget

was a target that stretched the executives. There are as many

ing is if you see a position that does not need to be done, point this out," said Mr Fox. "I have four open positions in my department. Do I need to fill these posts?" EDS's staff in the UK has

trebled in the past five years.

largely through its success in winning outsourcing contracts, notably for the Government. It is working on projects for the Inland Revenue and the Department of Social Security and has just been choses to lead a £53 million project to upgrade air-traffic control over the North Atlantic. Last year the Commons Public Accounts Committee

raised concern about the

quantity of contracts awarded to EDS. More than half of all information-technology business outsourced by government departments placed with EDS.

In spite of the success in the UK. EDS's shares have performed poorly on Wall Street, falling from \$63 last year to a low of \$32.50. Its recent firstquarter figures showed a fall in earnings of II per cent.

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Brown to broaden scope of 'welfare to work'

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government is to extend significantly its new jobs programmes by offering all young unemployed people

new training subsidy of £750. Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, will announce details of the extended New Deal jobs programme in his first Budget next week. But the net effect of the move could be to offer places to young people on the iobs scheme for nine months or more, instead of the six

months originally envisaged. In talks with business leaders at No 11 Downing Street yesterday, the Chancellor confirmed that the centrepiece of next week's Budget will be the Government's New Deal welfare-to-work programme for the young and long-term unemployed. Under the terms of the programme, employers taking on an unemployed young person will be paid a weekly subsidy of £60 a head for six months, and £75 for long-term unemployed adults. But the Budget will also make clear that the New Deal programme for the young unemployed will also contain

two new elements - a "gateway" scheme to train young people for the jobs they will do with employers taking part in the overall programme, and a new additional £750 a head subsidy to employers to meet

Ministers believe that the total costs will be contained in the E3 billion which David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, announced yesterday has been earmarked for the New Deal programmes from the money to be raised from the windfall tax on privatised utilities.

Under the planned gateway programme, every unemployed youngster taking up a place on the New Deal jobs scheme will first be assessed and, if necessary, trained to prepare them.

The maximum length of the gateway programme is understood to be three months. Taken with the six months of the New Deal scheme itself, it will take youngsters' time on the overall programme to nine months. Further moves could even take the total time on the programme up to a full year.

employers to offer either onthe job training or day-release working towards an accredited qualification.

increase sharply the take-up by companies of the scheme, which will start with pilot programmes in January in 15 areas around the country, and will then begin in earnest in April next year.

Mr Brown said it was now time to "break the vicious downward cycle" of unskilled youngsters spending a lifetime out of work. He emphasised that there would be no option available for young people staying at home, doing nothing". Britain needed to "rebuild the welfare state around

the work ethic". Business largely gave a warm welcome to the propos-als. John Neill, chief executive of Unipart, said his company would take on young people under the scheme and said there was a warm reaction from business leaders towards it. David Sainsbury, chairman of J Sainsbury, the retail group. endorsed Mr Brown's plans, while John Roberts, chief executive of the Post Office, applauded the Government for listening to business.



Sir Ian Prosser, left, and Sir Richard Greenbury leave yesterday's meeting at No II

Economists surprised as trade gap widens

By Alasdair Murray

ened unexpectedly in April as booming domestic demand sucked in a record level of imports.

But exports also grew to record levels suggesting that the the manufacturing sector is learning how to deal with the strong pound.

The global trade gap in-creased to £961 million in April compared with £671 million the previous month. The non-EU deficit for May also widened to £563 million from £425 million in April. Total imports rose 9.2 per cent to £15.6 billion while

exports grew 7.2 per cent to £14.7 billion. Economists were divided on The Government is to require | whether the deficit will widen

BRITAIN'S trade deficit wid- in the coming months. David Bloom, UK economist at James Capel, said the pound was not having the expected "depressing influence" on exports because of a pick-up in world trade. He said that if this trend continued "it could destroy the main pillar of the growth slowdown mechan-

ism, faltering export growth". But Simon Briscoe, director of research at Nikko Europe, gave warning that if imports continue to grow and the pound finally begins to hit exports the deficit could widen to an extent that worries the

. Separate data yesterday showed the EU's harmonised measure for UK inflation unchanged at 1.6 per cent.

Standard Life loses second top executive

BY CAROLINE MERREIL

STANDARD LIFE, one of the eral manager of the division. UK's biggest life insurance companies, has been hit by the departure of a second highranking executive in less than a week.

Benny Higgins, general manager of sales, considered a likely successor to take over from Scott Bell, 56, group managing director, has resigned from the mutal organisation, for "personal reasons". He declined to comment on his resignation, but said that he had another job to which to go, the details of which would be announced in

a few week's time. Mr Higgins became head of the company's sales division in November last year. He was previously assistant gen-

and has been at the company Earlier this week, John

Thomson, Standard Life's chief investment manager, resigned after a boardroom disagreement over how the company ran its operations. Like Mr Higgins, Mr Thomson had been in his job for less than a year. Mr Higgins said that their departures were unconnected.

Standard Life claims that it is committed to remaining a mutual organisation. However, some observers believe that after the successful flotation of Norwich Union, pressure could increase for the company to follow it down the

MAM unlikely to back Granada's YTTV offer

BY ERIC REGULY

MERCURY Asset Management, which backed Granada's bids for both
LWT and Forte, yesterday indicated
that it would reject the hotel and television group's £771 million agreed offer for Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television, which was formally tabled yesterday. .However, it appeared that most institutional shareholders will accept the offer, which is pitched at £11.75 a

share. MAM is believed to have bought much of its 5 per cent stake in YTTV at £12 a share. Ward Thomas, YTTV's chairman,

urged MAM to accept the bid. He said: "I think they will vote against it. They may be foolish to hold out because I would have thought a counter bid unlikely."

Mr Robinson called Granada's offer United News & Media, the tele-"extremely fair", given the state of the ITV market in general and YTTV in vision and newspaper group that owns 14 per cent of YTTV, is thought to particular. Independent studies have

predicted that increased competition be the only possible counter bidder. will reduce ITV's share of total TV Mr Thomas raised hopes that Granada would pay more than the current advertising revenue from 69 per cent offer when he suggested this year that YTTV was worth £17 a share. He has last year to SS per cent in 2003. YTTV. in a trading statement, said it expected a disappointing second quarter, with since admitted that his comment was weak advertising revenue and failure designed to goad Gerry Robinson. to increase market share.

Granada expects to save as much as £20 million a year by merging Granada TV and YTTV. YTTV shares closed at £11.57 kg, up 2 kp.

Limit fears decline in future trading

London investment trust, yesterday gave a warning to investors that trading might deteriorate steadily over the next four years.

However, the receipt of the first underwriting profits con-tributed towards a quadrupling of the total dividend.

So far investors in Limit. which is also the largest underwriting Lloyd's mem-ber, have received dividends only on the investment income earned by funds deposited at

The underwriting profits relate to 1994 performance because of the market's traditional three-year accounting delay. Limit made a profit

League reaffirms deal with **BSkyB**

By Jason Nissé

THE FA Premier League yesterday reaffirmed its through the £670 million contract with BSkyB. which is 40 per cent owned by News International, the owner of The Times. The deal, which covers the live transmission of top-flight football on the satellite TV service. was signed a year ago and lasts until the end of the 2000/2001 season.

Peter Leaver. QC, chief executive of the league. rejected suggestions that he was pressing to end the contract so that matches could be shown on a payper-view basis from the beginning of the

1999/2000 season. "The FA Premier League and BSkyB have had a very good relationship since the FA Premier League was set up and. despite the speculation.

there is no weakening of the link," Mr Leaver said. The simple position is that our new four-year deal with BSkyB is a binding agreement which comes into place at the start of the 1997/98 season. There is no break clause and no question of terminating that agreement before 2001. nor there any meeting planned to discuss such possibilities.

LIMIT, the largest Lloyd's of before tax of £70.3 million, compared with £13 million

> Earnings from the managing agencies of Bankside and nson Green contributed £12.1 million, with another £16.4 million coming from investment income.

The majority shareholdings in Bankside and Janson Green were acquired during the year. Limit also increased its minority investments in other Lloyd's of London vehicles, both dedicated and inte-grated, by £6.9 million.

The fund recorded a maiden underwriting profit of £51.5 million, representing a 10.2 per cent return on underwriting capacity and a larger figure than was expected in

some quarters.

The underwriting result, in a near-record year for Lloyd's profits, is after a contribution to the market's special fund. but before an £8.5 million provision set aside against ongoing losses on weak

Jonathan Agnew, chairman and a shortlisted candidate for the chairmanship of Lloyd's, said that the comparable underwriting return was expected to be more than 8 per cent in 1995, on allocated capacity of £580 million.

He added: "The increasing-ly competitive conditions for the 1996 underwriting account will result in a materially lower return on the direct allocated capacity of £610.3 Limit is hopeful of a "small

positive return" on its £614.8 million capacity in 1997, likely to be augmented by the partial return of special fund contri-

butions for 1994 and 1995. Mr Agnew added: "The board has no reason to believe that conditions will improve in 1998, and they may continue to deteriorate.'

Limit's administrative expenses include directors' bonuses that may be worth up to £550,000 in total, relating to two years' performance.

The year's profits were furexchange rate gain after hedging dollar exposure.

On September 19, a special dividend of 6p is due to be paid, in addition to a final dividend of 4.25p, making a total of 12p (3.4p) for the year. A special dividend is also expected next year, but subse-

quent dividends, coming in a trough in the global insurance market, will aim to beat a smaller óp benchmark. The shares increased 2.5p to



Peter Wood is leaving Royal Bank of Scotland to develop direct insurance in the US

Direct Line pioneer tries sequel overseas

By ROBERT MILLER

PETER WOOD, the millionaire founder of Direct Line. the telephone insurer, is to ieave Royal Bank of Scotland, hoping to repeat his UK success in the United States

and Spain. Mr Wood, who is estimated to have earned £50 million in bonuses from Direct Line, an RBS subsidiary, is to launch Direct Response Corporation in the US in October.

In 1994 the Direct Line founder was paid £21.4 million as the final instalment of a £42 million package before he reverted to an annual salary of £350,000, uprated each year in line with infla-tion. Almost every UK insurer has tried to copy Direct Line's success and low-cost base.

Mr Wood, who will remain chairman of Privilege, the non-standard UK motor and home insurer, which he founded jointly with RBS. remains the second-largest private shareholder in RBS. vith a stake valued at about £17 million.

Mr Wood, an ardent supporter of the Chelsea football club, said of his departure from RBS: "I'm an entrepreneur and I'm looking for-ward to starting my fourth insurance company. I plan to keep a significant stake in RBS, but will seli some shares for pension and trust

George Mathewson, the chief executive of RBS, said: "Peter and I both agreed that this was a perfectly natural point to leave. Our relationship has been an outstanding success and we have provided a great environment for an entrepreneur-driven person for 13 years."

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Irish growth fuels skill-shortage fear

FROM EILEEN McCabe in dublin

THE high level of job creation in the Irish Republic could soon result in a skills shortage. according to the chief executive of the Industrial Develop-

ment Agency. Speaking yesterday at the launch of the IDA's annual report, Kieran McGowan gave warning that a radical, co-ordinated approach by government agencies, training authorities and industry is needed to ensure that the republic continues to be an attractive location for foreign

Mr McGowan also advised the republic's new government, which is expected to take office today, that funding

investment.

ly for several new training initiatives designed to meet the growing demand for workers with technical and language skills.

The IDA last year attracted 200 foreign investment projects, which together created more than 1,000 jobs a month. At the end of 1996, more than 1,047 IDA-assisted companies were providing 97,000 jobs in the Republic. Mr McGowan said that the average cost per job to the IDA was IrEII,920 last year, its lowest ever.

Mr McGowan said that he expected the electronics, software, teleservice and backoffice sectors to be the main new job providers this year.

Lottery regulator eyes new sanctions

By Jon Ashworth

PETER DAVIS, the National Lottery regulator, is likely to call for the power to impose fines on Camelot, when he

issues his annual report today. Mr Davis, who has sought to tery operator, amid suggestions that he has not been tough enough, is eager to have a wider range of sanctions at his disposal. This would include the ability to impose fines for repeated licence breaches. At present, Mr Davis can either issue verbal warnings

or apply to the High Court for an injunction. During the past 12 months, Camelot has been criticised for falling behind with the instala matter now rectified - and been accused over under-age

Mr Davis is unlikely to comment in his report on the recent "fat cat" pay furore. which led to a damaging stand-off between Camelot and the Government. What Camelot does with its money is not within his remit. Camelot has applied to run a television game show for Instants winners, offering prizes of up to £100,000, but Mr Davis has yet to make a decision.

Mr Davis has been criticised by MPs for accepting hospitality from GTech, part of the Camelot consortium. This was long after he had awarded Camelot its licence. lation of Instants terminals -

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Captain Pugwash licensing deal

JOHN RYAN, the creator of Captain Pugwash, is finally to cash in on the fame of his cartoon pirate after striking a £1.5. million licensing deal with The Britt Allcroft Company. owner of Thomas the Tank Engine. Mr Ryan, 76, who has been writing adventures for the series since 1956, has handed the rights to Britt Allcroft which has, in return, promised to relaunch the series through 26 new episodes. After Britt Allcroft has recovered its costs, Mr Ryan will receive a share in all profits made on the series and on the stream of merchandising that is set to follow. The arrangement is expected to make him a millionaire before his 85th birthday.

Mr Ryan is acting in concert with John Cary, a friend of the family, who will produce the computer-based series that will contain a more diverse ethnic mix of characters and will be set in the Caribbean.

City Diary, page 31.

Orange sues for fraud

ORANGE, the mobile phone group, yesterday confirmed that it is taking civil action against a former employee who is suspected of defrauding the company. The employee, who suspected of defrauding the company. The employee, who was based in Bristol, was sacked "for gross misconduct", according to Orange. The company is investigating irregularities in the marketing department's printing operation, which produces advertising and promotional material. A spokesman for Orange said the suspected fraud was not as large as the "multimillion pound" figure reported in the trade press.

Chief of bank code body

A FORMER director of the Bank of England is to head the independent review body to ensure that banks and building societies follow the new Banking Code, which comes into effect on July 1. The British Bankers! Association said yesterday that Rodney Galpin, former executive director of the Bank and chairman of Standard Chartered Bank, would be chairman of the review panel, which will include representatives from the Consumers Association and the National Consumer Council.

Retail price plea

REMOVING recommended retail prices on electrical goods is as likely to mean price rises as cuts, according to a report commissioned by the British Radio & Electronic Equipment Manufacturers Association (Brema). The report by Business Strategies, the consultancy, says there is no evidence that removing RRPs would benefit the consumer. The Department of Trade and Industry is expected to decide soon whether to accept recommendations from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission that RRPs be abolished. Brema wants them to remain.

Y J Lovell reduces loss

Y J LOVELL, the construction company, returned its core businesses to profitability in the six months to March 30. reducing group losses to £1.5 million (£7.8 million loss). A £50 million order from Railtrack lifted its order book to Ell8 million, up from £66.5 million previously, most gained as partnership arrangements rather than competitively tendered work. Losses eased to 5.4p (2Ip loss) a share, and there is no dividend. The shares closed

Costs fail to halt TGI

TGI, the loudspeaker company behind the Tannoy and Martin Audio brands, lifted profits 9 per cent rise in the year. to March 31 in spite of spending heavily on research and development. Pre-tax profit rose to £2.4 million, from £2.2 million, on turnover up to £51.5 million, from £44 million. R&D spending was £1.4 million as about 50 new products were launched. TGI is planning 20 to 30 new products in the current year. Earnings per share were 9.3p (8.8p). A final dividend of 2.35p (2.2p), due on August 22, makes 3.5p (3.2p).

United News buoyant

UNITED NEWS & MEDIA, the television, newspaper and exhibitions group, said trading in the first half of the year had been in line with expectations "with strong performance across the group". The company said advertising revenues at its Anglia and Meridian ITV franchises had been "buoyant". but that ITV's advertising share had been affected by the April launch of Channel 5. United has a 29 per cent stake in Channel 5. The continued strength of sterling had only a "modest" effect on trading in the first half, United said.

Wescol buys Glosford

WESCOL, the structural steel company, is buying Glosford Holdings for £0.38 million in cash and shares. Glosford, a private company based in Worcester, operates in similar markets and the two companies have collaborated on projects. Wescol has been performing strongly at home and abroad and it believes that the acquisition will provide the larger and more flexible production capacity essential for winning big contracts. Kenneth Jones, who founded Glosford in 1980 and is its managing director, will join Wescol's board.

ACT Budget plea

THE National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF) has appealed to Tony Blair not to allow the Chancellor to reduce or abolish the tax credit on advance corporation tax (ACT) in his Budget next week. Ann Robinson, its director-general. said such a move would certainly impact on many companies but would have more serious long-term effects on the incomes of millions of individuals. The NAPF has argued the pension fund exemption from ACT is clawed back by the Treasury when pensioners begin to draw a monthly income.

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TOURIST RATES

Financial self-regulation 'a fiction'



THE current system of selfregulation among financial services communies is "a cumbersome and expensive fiction" that requires urgent reform. Alistair Darling. Chief Secretary to the Treasury, has told insurers.

Regulators needed to work together ahead of new government legislation so that a new enlarged version of the Securities and Investments Board can be achieved smoothly.

Melding together the 1.500 members of staff who work at the different regulatory bodies will be the first job of Howard Davies, who succeeds Sir Andrew Large as chairman of the SIB next BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

month. Mr Darling told an audience of life insurers in London yesterday that, although the distinctions between banks, securities firms and insurance companies were becoming blurred, they were regulated by a variety of different supervisors.

This, he added, was costly and needed to change. "We need a regulatory system to lit modern markets and a regulator with sufficient clout, reputation and stature to deal with its international counterparts." Mr Darling said two Bills would be introduced shortly

to reform financial services regulation. The first, the Bank of England Bill, is expected to

achieve Royal Assent at the beginning of next year and will shift banking supervision to the new super-S1B.

The second Bill, to reform

financial services regulation. will be published in draft form for consultation next summer and could become law in late 1999 or early 2000. Mr Darling said regulation needed to be complementary

to the needs of the financial services industry, and not a hindrance". The Treasury has acknowleged that the workload for the new project will he considerable, and Sir Andrew has been asked to draw up a plan showing how the integration will be tackled.



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ACI Budget plea

he new team at the Treasury has taken to the chance of regulating the finance industry with all the vigour that a Master of Foxhounds would bring to whipping-in hunt saboteurs. Their enthusiasm for the task has the smirk of self-righteousness. On Monday, Helen Liddell, the Economic Secretary, publicly carpeted Sedgwick and Legal & General for falling short on the mean rules quotient and vesmea culpa quotient and yes-terday Chief Secretary Alistair

Darling had his say. It was management that was to blame for the industry's fail-ures, he intoned, finding it impossible to resist reference to personal pensions mis-selling. A good management doesn't need to be told how to run a profitable and ethical company," he said, before going on to offer a few helpful tips.

But the Government may soon be grateful for a few management tips itself. For while Mr Darling's main purpose in his speech yesterday was to talk about the Super-SIB that is to be established to regulate the financial services industry, he was light on the detail of how this giant is to be managed.

Even those practitioners who accept the need for a new regulatory framework, and that seems to be the majority, have fears about how it will operate.

The smirk behind Super-SIB

They are particularly concerned about the chaos that could arise during the interim period when individual regulators are sub-

sumed into the new authority.
Formal integration of the SROs into the Super-SIB will not be completed until late 1999 or early 2000.

The Bill that will pave the way for this will not be published for consultation until summer of next year. Yet in the meantime, says Mr Darling, the regulators are already beavering away to plan the practical aspects of

Cynics from the business world will suspect that this scenario could allow bureaucrats to become engrossed in such vital details as the placing of desks and the wording on the letterheads, while a few wide boys were left to roam free among the unsuspecting punters who would buy a pension from a bookie who told them it was a guaranteed winner for retirement.

Howard Davies has a for-midable task in bringing to-gether the new regulator and the people to run it. And while he gets on with that, he is likely to

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find the Government building up a list of things that need attention. Mr Darling, for instance, wants the regulators to take a look at the commission structures that might be thought to encourage hungry salesmen to flog the occasional inappro-priate, but expensive, financial product.

Inntrepreneurial opening in prospect

ould the dire saga of Instrepreneur be about to come to an end? The pub company has heaped misery upon tenants and owners alike but the word is that venture capitalists are beginning to look enthusiastically on the business. The joint owners, Grand Metropolitan and Fosters, the Austra-lian brewer, would be likely to

greet any reasonable offer with unseemly gratitude.

in theory, the company has been heading, bumpily, towards stock market flotation, but Fosters recently indicated that it would prefer an early release from this Courage relic. Inntrepreneur's unhappy hist-ory has made it the brunt of

numerous attacks by publicans, attracted a stream of potentially ruinous legal actions and brought it into the bad books of Nigel Griffiths, the Consumer Affairs Minister. But brush away the past and there is a company with close to 3,000 pubs and turnover of more than El billion. The scope to improve on last year's measly £10 million profit is enough to attract the more imaginative financiers stalking

the City in search of deals. Valuations on the business start around £600 million but.

given the fancy ratings awarded pub companies such as JD Wetherspoon at the moment, the estimates escalate to double that. The imponderable is the extent of the outstanding liability on all the legal actions.

The scale of financial failures that hit Inntrepreneur tenants was the clearest indication of a company whose terms of trade were drafted with but one beneficiary in mind. Aggrieved publicans have joined forces to fight Inntrepreneur in the courts, and have talked of damages that could top £500 million. But the indications from Brussels are that a crucial contention in their case, that their leases were illegal under European competition law, might not stand up.

If the threat of never-ending legal action and unquantifiable damages can be put to one side, Inntrepreneur becomes instantly

more desirable. And the company has been doing its bit by encouraging publicans to sign up to a new working arrangement that is to their mutual benefit.

Industry-followers believe that the plan is a sensible prototype for pub companies of the future. Just the thing for a venture capitalist to pounce upon.

First direct line is a logical link

ew people can claim to have had such an impact on the financial services industry as Peter Wood. The unassuming founder of Direct Line has quite literally transformed the way in which insurance is sold. Now Virgin Direct and others have taken a leaf out of his book to use the telephone to purvey mortgages and other general investments such as personal equity plans. The Royal Bank of Scotland can also take credit for giving such a free thinking and restless entrepreneur enough leeway to get on and grow the business. Such faith has been repaid in spades

not to mention profits. But such success has also put the spotlight on RBS for other reasons. The City remains convinced that HSBC Holdings, owner of Midland Bank, is poised to bid for RBS, with a fall back of trying for Abbey National.

HSBC's logic is hard to fault. By buying RBS it would have Direct Line, the most successful insurer of its kind to link up with First Direct, its banking counterpart owned by Midland. Similarly, HSBC's Marine Midland operation on the East coast of the United States would complement RBS's Citizens savings and loans business also on the East coast. Of all the strange banking bedfellows being touted around the Square Mile, the HSBC link-up with RBS has the most sensible ring about it.

Putting in the boot

1F, as is rumoured, the Chancellor is looking at ways of letting the Exchequer take a heavier slice of "fat cat" bonuses, the details of the Boots scheme are likely to encourage him in his endeavours. A bonus earned by failure to hit budgets is as spurious as a guaranteed bonus. If companies are squeamish about admitting to the salaries they intend paying, they should rethink the amount, not call it something else.



Windfall tax plea against penalising good performers

WESSEX WATER yesterday made a last-minute plea to the Treasury that the windfall tax should not penalise comthat are good

With the tax about to be outlined in next week's Budget. Nick Hood, chairman, has urged the Treasury to base calculations on the value of companies immediately after privatisation rather than now. But analysts believe that it is highly unlikely that such a route will be taken as one of

the grounds on which the tax has been defended is that the utilities were sold too cheaply. Mr Hood argues that a share price for companies six months after privatisation would be a better measure

than recent prices. He said: "After eight years there is a lot of confusion and other factors in the price." Wessex and all other water companies were floated at 240p. Yesterday its price was lp down at 3852. Wessex has had a share split and a capital restructuring so a comparable

value would be about 772p. The company's pre-tax profits for the year to March 31 rose 8 per cent to £145 million. The final dividend of 12.3p is due on October 1, making a total of 18p, up from 15.2p in the previous year. Earnings rose from 47.7p to 52.2p.

Mr Hood, along with most | delivery arm.

utility chiefs, has been keen to emphasise to the Treasury the difference in performance and shareholder returns between the companies. The many appeals for individual treatment highlight the difficulty for the Chancellor in crafting a methodology that will apply equally to all the companies to

be hit by the tax. Mr Hood, whose company has not suffered losses on diversification and which is

SKYEPHARMA, the drug

development company, is un-derstood to have produced an

improved version of Prozac, Eli Lilly's \$2 billion-selling

anti-depressant.

Confirmation is likely this

year when it files for regula-

tory approval. The improved

drug would have reduced side-

effects and last longer, and

would be the most important

drug to emerge from SkyePharma's "black box".

the secret project undertaken

by Jago, its Swiss-based drug

within the industry, said: "Companies which have not had to bear exceptional proviand which haven't had to suffer restructuring costs should not suffer from the tax because their performance is benier.

Analysts are expecting Wes-sex to be hit with a windfall tax bill of about £60 million.

With a 3 per cent royalty, an

improved Prozac could be

worth £36 million a year to

SkyePharma, which lost £11.3

million last year. The new

product is unlikely to be

☐ Brightstone Pharma, Skye-

Pharma's American subsid-

iary, has filed for US food and

drug administration approval

of lopamidol, an imaging

agent used in x-ray diagnosis.

Iopamidol is a generic version

of Isovue, a \$360 million drug

that lost its patent at the end of

available before 1999.

The company has not ruled out further shareholder returns after the windfall tax regarded as a good performer

SkyePharma makes

'Prozac advance'

By PAUL DURMAN

and has a mandate to buy back up to 10 per cent of its shares. Earlier this year it completed a £185 million buyback. With gearing of 37 per cent if preference shares are taken into account, it has plenty of room to gear up. The company believes that it can stretch to 100 per cent gearing

quisitions trigger a need. Wessex followed the aggres-

if shareholder returns or ac-

sive dividend policy of other water companies by raising its

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GEHE, the German pharma-

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Lloyds Chemists earlier this

year, has begun its planned disposal of some parts of the business by agreeing to a £52

million management buyout

of the veterinary division (Sa-

Mercury Asset Manage-

ment is investing £16.85 mil-

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of £4.5 million, on turnover of

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rah Cunningham writes).

payment for the year 18 per cent. Mr Hood said that the rise was fuelled by non-core operations and cutting costs in the core business. The dividend increase was also exaggerated by the share buyback. Wessex had pledged to cut leakages, currently at 23 per

cent, to 15 per cent soon into the next century. Mandatory leakage targets are to be implemented by the Government after its recent summit

Brewer's results boosted by Magic formula

By Dominic Walsh

THE £200 million acquisition of the Magic Pub Company boosted Greene King, the regional brewer, which yesterday unveiled annual pre-tax profits up 49 per cent, to £36.7 million, before one-off items.

At the time of the purchase of the 260-strong group last July there were suggestions that the East Anglia-based brewer was paying too full a price. However, brokers reacted positively to yesterday's figures, marking the shares ար 2½ p to 650p.՝

The company has already converted 10 managed houses to the popular Hungry Horse concept developed by Magic Pub, and in some cases turnformat. A further 17 conversions are envisaged in the current financial year.

Magic Pub's 43-week contribution to turnover amounted to £80.3 million — up 11 per cent - with food sales jumping 20 per cent to £17.9 million. That helped to push Greene King's total turnover in the 52 weeks to May 3 to £253.6 million, up from £165 million in the previous 53week financial period.

The company took an ex-ceptional charge of £16 milfion, of which £2 million was the cost of integrating the Magic Pub business. About El4 million was the result of overhauling its brewing and distribution costs, which saw the closure of its brewery in Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, with 132 redundancies.

A final dividend of 11.6p makes 16.35p for the year, up 12 per cent

ML Laboratories signals progress

By Fraser Nelson

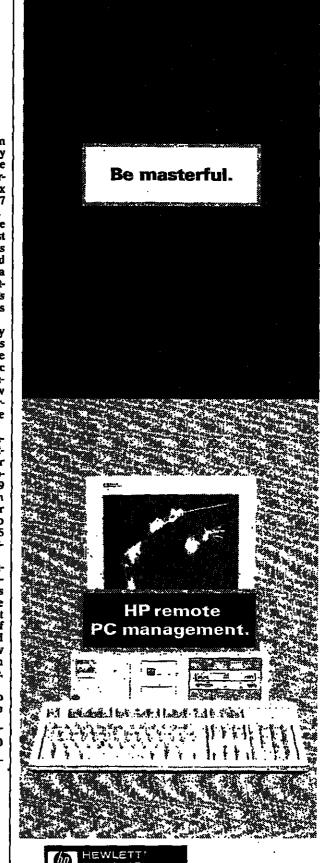
ML LABORATORIES has claimed the first signs of success in its attempt to develop an HIV treatment that significantly slows the development of the Aids virus.

The drug development company, which has spent two years working on its D2S HIV treatment, said that some Aids patients who were administered with the treatment had shown greatly reduced levels of viral load in their blood.

The same late-stage patients did not respond to HIV treatments that attack the virus rather than the D2S method of protecting human cells. The treatment is now in Phase III trials, but the company said D2S is still a long way from a definitive proof of success.

The company named Stuart Sim as its new chief executive. taking over from Kevin Leech who stays as chairman. The company, one of the few profitable drug stocks on the market, made a profit of £2.9 million for the half year to March 31, against £83,100 last time. Earnings were 1.69p (0.06p) a share. There is no dividend.

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The deadline for the submission of tenders is 05/08/97.

City salaries up to £1,000 a day

CITY salaries have increased by nearly 5 per cent over the past three months, with some professionals now earning up to £1,000 a day, a survey has found.

The survey also suggests that City firms have to give employees an average 24 per cent increase in pay to attract them from their present jobs. The massive rise in pay has been blamed on a shortage of skilled employees in the financial and business sector, with vacancies in both sectors having risen by nearly 37 per cent since

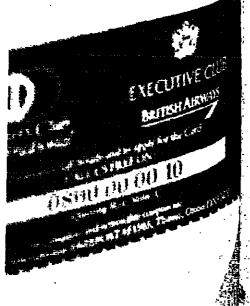
this time last year. Roger Steare, chief executive of Jonathan Wren, the recruitment company that going up according to the survey, with

carried out the survey in partnership with Watson Wyatt, said: "We have seen over the past couple of years a tremendous amount of growth in jobs. Many employers are finding it increasingly difficult to fill these posts and there is an increasing

certain sets of skills." Howard Coate, head of European human resources for Watson Wyatt, said: "We are getting the first hints that skills shortages are going to push up pay levels at a rate which could affect inflation."

average of £17,500: about £2,000 more than the national average wage. The jobs that are most sought after are information technology support, fund managers, commercial underwriters, actuaries, pensions price for what companies have to pay for administrators and secretaries. Nearly half of the all the companies

interviewed felt that new technology was the most important factor in creating new skills. About a third said that changes in work practices and multi-skilling had also demanded a need for new skills. A greater focus on customer services was Graduate salaries in the City are also also believed to create new skills.





City turns blind eye to public shaming of L&G

ing and shaming" in the pensions mis-selling scandal does not appear to have the desired affect on the City that the Government intended. Confounding Whitehall officials, the price raced up k1/2p to 423p as one leading securities upgraded the shares. SBC Warburg, the broker, has changed its view and is urging clients to buy.

On Tuesday, Helen Liddell, Economic Secretary, publicly condemned both L&G and and the Sedgwick Group for failing to understand the Government's determination to resolve the pensions mis-selling scandal. She likened them to alcoholies unable to admit they had a problem. One and a half million people are estimated to have lost thousands of pounds each after being given poor pensions advice between 1988 and 1994.

The rest of the equity marrecovery with the help of a strong overnight performance on Wall Street and a positive response to the latest £2 billion gilt auction. With the Dow Jones industrial average opening sharply ahead again last night, the FTSE 100 index closed near its best of the day, with a rise of 43.7 points to 4.640.0.

Heavy turnover in selected blue chips boosted the total number of shares changing hands, to 925 million.

Revived institutional support lifted Centrica 4p to 704 p as 22.3 million shares were traded. There was also heavy turnover in BT (22.6 million shares) up 9p at 454p. T&N tumbled 165 p to 143p.

after the US Supreme Court threw out a \$1.3 billion (£783 million) asbestosis claims settiement. It had been hoped that the settlement involving 20 asbestosis manufacturers and hundreds of thousands of personal injury claims would have resolved the dispute and drawn a line under T&N's potential losses.

Support for the banking sector persisted, with Halifax chased 13p higher to 77312p on turnover of 14.18 million shares. The newly floated group says that it will return money to shares in the form of to find suitable takeover

Abbey National continues to be viewed as a potential takeover target, with the price adding 26p at 828p. Bardays



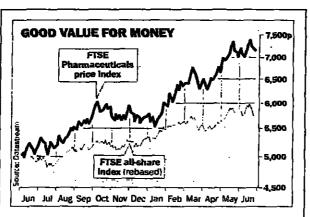
SGB shares built a 6p premium on the first day of dealing

surged 415p to £12.145 after ruling out a possible bid for troubled NatWest Group, 7½ p easier at 817½ p

Royal Bank of Scotland suffered a double whammy. with its price falling 2212p to 57512p after Peter Wood, the man who founded its Direct Line insurance business, announced that he was leaving to further his fortunes in the US

HSBC, up 24p at £18.86, is playing down claims that it is poised to bid for RBS.

There was further activity among the television companies as Granada launched its long awaited bid for Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television. up 2½ p at £11.75½. The terms of two new Granada shares and £18.25 in cash values Yorkshire at £11.75, or £711 million. This year Yorkshire



DRUG shares raced up on the back of a strong performance overnight on Wall Street where Bristol Myers Squibb saw its share price jump almost 10 per cent. Overall, the drug sector rose 4 per cent. In contrast. British drug

companies have been sluggish, having underperformed the rest of the market by around 10 per cent during the past four creating a large value gap.

The best gains were seen among the leaders, with Glaxo Wellcome up 25p to £12.7712. SmithKline Bee-

cham 27 2p to £10.76 and Zeneca 42p to £19.36. But there were also mark-ups for SkyPharma. 4p to 87p, Celltech 312p to 27712p and Scotia Holdings 212p to

Kevin Scotcher at NatWest Securities, the broker, this week moved his recommendation for SmithKline Beecham from a "hold" to "add".

He says that the gap has begun to narrow. "British drug companies have today begun the process of catching up. They are looking very cheap compared to US

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would have to be pitched around the E17 level. Granada, down 102p at 844p, owns

25 per cent of the shares. BSkyB rallied 35p to 47lp as City fund managers began to ponder the group's prospects after being forced to sell its third stake in British Digital Communications. Brokers point out that BSkyB is likely to remain the main source of programmes to be broadcast on the three terrestrial digital channels operated by its former partners Granada and Carlton Communications steady at 525p.

It was the first day of dealings for SGB, the scaffoldng group demerged from John Mowlem, 2p easier at 129p. Placed at 150p, SGB opened at 1572p, its best of the day, before settling at 156p, a 6p premium. Almost 3 million shares were traded by the close of business.

Greene King celebrated a near 50 per cent leap in pre-tax profits with a rise of 6p at 6532p. The group benefited from last year's acquisition of the Magic Pub chain.

Exceptional losses saw Somic plunge into the red last year, but the group insists that current trading is buoyant and that cushioned the fall in the shares which closed 22p lower at 131 p.

GILT-EDGED: The suc-

cess of the latest auction enabled the rest of the bond market to extend this week's rally. The Bank of England issued £2 billion of Treasury ? per cent 2003 which was 2.71 times oversubscribed attracting bids worth almost £5.5 billion.

Prices elsewhere scored

gains ranging to £12 at the longer end as the market made up some of the recent lost ground on Continental rivals. In the futures pit, the September series of the Long Gilt finished E13/32 higher at Ell315/16, as a total of 82,000 contracts were completed. In longs. Treasury 8 per cent was £15/32 better at £10823/32, while in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 firmed £3/16 to El02¹³/16.

☐ NEW YORK: Shares

turned down by midday after a choppy morning that saw blue chips slip on profittaking, recover as bargain hunters and portfolio managers re-emerged and then slid again. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 35.97 at

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Clouding the issue

THE collapse of the Georgine settlement procedure should not worry T&N. Last year, the automotive components group erected a £1.2 billion ringfence round its potential liability to victims of asbestos-related injuries. The scheme was constructed on the assumption that Georgine - the settlement procedure whereby genuine claimants were offered settlements under an administrative procedure rather than through litigation in the courts would not survive. Yesterday's T&N share price fall at T&N, therefore, makes little sense. However, the US tobacco industry may wonder how solid any cap on future claims by smokers will prove to be under the legislation due to be passed by Congress.

The market seems incapable of making a consistent judgment about T&N's value. Asbestos is only part of the problem although

the poisonous dust has a way of clouding the issue. The issue that needs to be addressed is whether T&N's businesses are capable of generating value, leaving aside asbestos. The answer is emphatically yes, and more so since T&N tightened up its working capital.

T&N's automotive businesses are earning a return of about 15 per cent on capital employed.

Potentially more important is the 8 per cent return after tax and capital investment, which offers a bidder with a large balance sheet a juicy prize. After yesterday's fall, T&N is capitalised ata mere £760 million. With the Ferodo brakes: worth £300 to £400 million and powdered metal. worth £200 million a bidder at this price would be getting a lot of T&N for free. The predator would need to fund a £300 million asbestosprovision, but a company like GKN could easily stomach that liability.

Wessex Water

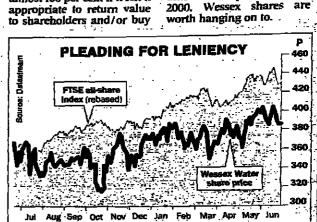
WESSEX WATER'S call for clemency over the windfall tax is unlikely to find favour with the Treasury but the company has a point. Grabbing funds that should have gone to the taxpayer in the ininal sale, or accrued to the consumer via keener regulation, is one thing. It is quite another to hit a company harder because it has succeeded through showing greater efficiency than its

Wessex is different. It has been one of the star performers of the water sector primarily because it has not invested in daft diversifications and because it has achieved demanding cost

It has further scope to reward shareholders in future even after it has shelled out what could turn

new businesses. With its bid out to be a £60 million for South West Water ruled windfall tax payment. Gearout of court it is more likely ing is relatively low at 37 per that acquisitions will be cent, if preference shares are small and that the company taken into account, so there would look at further sharenoeuvre. Wessex has said holder returns.

With dividend growth expected to be strong, at least until the next price review in 2000. Wessex shares are worth hanging on to.



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tennas.

IONICA has developed a clever thing called fixed radio access, which allows phone signals to be zapped through the air by radio transmitters to small, roof-mounted an-

There is nothing wrong with the system; it works. even in the rain. The question is whether it has a use; almost every householder in Britain already owns a reliable phone.

Ionica, which plans to raise £125 million next month in its first public offering, will not succeed unless it can convince BT customers to drop their copper wire service and switch to a dish. The strategy is to make switching easy phones and faxes do not have to be replaced, existing phone numbers can be kept and the connection fee is only £10 and to offer cheaper prices Still not convinced? Well

neither, in a sense, is Ionica. its forecasts are ultra conser-

vative: the goal is to connect a modest 7 per cent of homes in its target areas. But a small share does not necessarily mean meagre profits. With relatively cheap installation costs - unlike the cable companies, it does not needto dig holes in the ground -Ionica's connection costs are less than one third those of

is plenty of room for ma-

that it could feel comfortable

with a debt to equity ratio of

almost 100 per cent if it felt it

Networks built in the air eat up less capital than those built in the ground. This. combined with conservative growth forecasts, could make. the shares an interesting bet.

Greene King

LACKING a case of champagne, Greene King has to resort to Abbott Ale to celebrate a sparkling set of results. Eyebrows were raised last year when the brewer strayed south from its East. Anglian heartland to pay £200 million for the Magic Pub Company. But the 49 per cent jump in profits was at the top end of analysts' expec-

deal. The signs for continued growth are good as investment is pumped into Magic Pub concepts such as. Hungry Horse. Even its tenanted estate is holding its: own in the face of tricky market conditions. There is also upside in-

tations and well ahead of

brewing where a £14 million restructuring is underway and heavy marketing spend is helping Abbott Ale to retain market share in the face of an assault from the nitro keg beers such as Caffrey's. Meanwhile, Greene King's

own nitro keg product, Wexford Irish Ale, is benefiting from TV and trade exposure with a second such beer under development.

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Much encouraged, the City is upgrading its profit estimates for the year to around ever-present whiff of a possible takeover - the stocklooks a good bet.

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An elephant trap for Gordon Brown

fter all those years in the wilderness, the incoming Labour Government was naturally well prepared. In opposition it had developed, with the help of top economists, a coherent strategy to make the economy more dynamic. Tax incentives would encourage industry to invest more, instead of paying profits out in dividends; to think longterm instead of speculating; to create more jobs; and to raise the rate of economic growth.

In his first Budget, the new

Chancellor broke with tradition by walking to the House of Commons and carrying the Budget statement in a smart new brown box. "We are changing direction" he said.

James Callaghan, for he it was. duly reformed profits tax in 1965, as well as taxing capital gains. The new flat rate corporation tax cut deductions on profits retained in the business. But dividends were taxed at normal income tax rates on top. This imposed a clear incentive to cut dividends in lavour of the greater capital returns to be made from investing higher re-

tained profits. But things did not billion on top of the utility levy. A work out as simply as intended. Retained profits were cut. shrinking the amount available for investment. Shareholders obliged companies to maintain their dividends, which in most cases absorbed more of the profits than

dividends fastest. A generation later, surely the well-prepared, long-termist, tradition-breaking, direction-changing Gordon Brown could not fall into the same trap? Oh yes he could.

before. And investors continued to

favour companies that raised their

Ahead of next week's Budget, it has been carefully trailed that the Treasury wants to cut, preferably abolish, the rights of charities, pension funds, personal equity plans, and other gross funds to reclaim the tax pre-paid by companies on their dividends. This wheeze, it is said, is the most painless way to raise another £5

surprising alliance among the economic establishment agrees. In 1993, Norman Lamont cut dividend tax and its other self, companies pay on their dividends, from 25 to 20 per cent

There were howls of anguish from pension funds. Share prices would tumble because dividends were worth less to them. Companies would have to pay higher contributions to keep pension promises. But share prices fell only mildly, a ten-week blip in a year when the index gained a fifth. Recovery on company profits soon saved the funds. Fur from lessening funds' interest in dividends, however, the tax blow sharpened it. Fund managers bullied companies to make share buyhacks and pay special dividends that more or less wiped out any Treasury gain in 1994-96, when the buyback tax loophole was closed.



Economists and some investment analysts do not distinguish between cash income and capital gains. Private investors and pension funds do. Retired folk draw a distinction between dividend income and living off their capital. Actuaries usually value the ability of final salary pension funds to meet their obligations by projecting future dividend income.

The effect of axing dividend relief is therefore unpredictable. Pension funds will have an incentive to favour capital gains relatively more. Yet funds, Peps and charities will also want to protect their income. There will be heavy pressure on financially strong conpanies to raise the proportion of profits they pay in dividends to compensate for the tax.

The revenue side is a gamble too. On the projected dividend model, companies will have to raise their contributions to final salary pension schemes over time. The relief on those contributions may absorb about a quarter of the tax that funds can no longer reclaim from the Inland Revenue. Since Mr Lamont's time, however, funds have been subjected to a new solvency regime under the Pen-sions Act 1995. If all of them failed the test as a result of the drop in

inject so much extra capital into them that the tax relief might well leave the Chancellor with nothing to show for his tax wheeze.

In reality, UK shares prices have risen even more over the past 12 months than in 1993, so the impact is likely to be muted. Overall, however, the change is likely to raise dividend payouts rather than out them and yield much less revenue than the Treasury originally projected.

By far the worst effect will be on the anractions of pension funds and personal equity plans, the next most important long-term financial savings vehicle. Faced with higher contribution rates, many more companies will opt instead for fixed contribution schemes. where, as in personal moneypurchase schemes, future pensions depend entirely on the periormance of the fund. Nothing wrong with that, except that contributions

sion fund and Pep investment would almost certainly be lower. Some apologists contend that tax incentives do not affect total savings, only the vehicles savers choose for their money. But if ministers want us to provide more for our retirement, the returns to saving maner as much as how much is saved. People will have smaller pensions to live on. In any case, regular savings do boost total saving, which might otherwise go into a better house or a time-share. A tax change that raises only half its projected revenue; that boosts dividends when it intends to curb them; and which makes pension funds and Peps so much ess attractive that ordinary people would have to be forced to invest more into them, is trebly perverse. With luck, we shall here nothing of it in the Budget, except perhaps the announcement of a study. That would soon expose the elephant trap Mr Brown will otherwise fall

This year's model distracts US from economic challenge ahead

Today's boom may be seen as a missed

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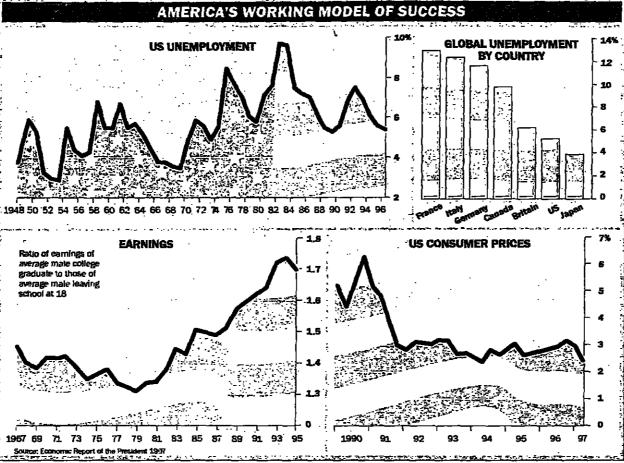
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The cowboy hats, denim shirts and rawhide chairs helped. But despite President Clinton's attempt to give the weekend's Denver summit of the world's big industrial democracies a homely, Western. laid-back air, the dominant theme was triumphalism as the United States flaunted its economic health. For the first time in the summit's 22-year history, the Administration claimed, governments had an undisputed working model of

By the second day in Denver, complaints from European. Japanese and Canadian delegates were so blunt that US treasury officials were told to tone the message down. But the spirit survived in official documents. "The US is now leading the way with a new economic paradigm," one hoasted. Like a company collecting plaudits for its annual report, however irrelevant the authority, the White House noted that "for the past five years, the US has been ranked the world's most competitive economy by the International Institute for Management Development in Switzerland". It went on to credit President Clinton, as chief executive of America, with the past seven years of plenty.

The claims made by the US in Denver are not entirely wтong. There has been a transformation, and it has been at least partly because of government policies. But the current moralising, also a striking feature of this year's Economic Report of the President, is threatening to blind officials to the long list of problems that remain.

The Administration proudest of one figure: in the seven years since the US last played host to the Group of Seven, the federal budget deficit has shrunk from \$221 billion to a projected \$67 billion this year. Annual



growth, then at 1.3 per cent, humilianingly just a quarter of the rate in Japan and Germany, is expected to reach 3.6 per cent this year, outstripping Japan's 2.3 per cent and Germany's 2.2 per cent.

Those figures are undisputed. The controversy centres around why it has happened, and so on what needs to be done for it to continue. The argument put forward by US officials at Denver is that during this period the US economy has undergone pro-found changes, which have set it on a course of steady growth with low inflation. In particular, they claim that official figures do not fully reflect the gains in productivity and competitiveness, and so understate the future growth potential of the US economy. The implication is that not much needs to be done for the good times to continue, unsurprisingly a

view acceptable to the Administration. Clearly, the Administration's arguments are at least partly right. There is plenty of evidence that industries which suffered badly from international competition during the

analysts' survey. Extel has decided to shorten the ceremo-

ny. But when guests queried

the Warburgs invitation, they were told to come anyway.

● TORY workers at a trade

show in London yesterday

mobbed one particular stand

and snapped up all the spare

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1980s learnt fast: US electronics have hardly recovered the territories surrendered to the Japanese, such as silicon chips, but have forged ahead with personal computers, software and the Internet.

Lessons were learnt fast in more traditional industries as well; many surveys suggest that the corporate restructuring of the first half of this decade, which made "downsizing" a household word, sharply improved the productivity of many manufacturers. While it is notoriously hard to measure accurately the productivity of service husinesses. sheaves of academic studies suggest that this too has risen. and is significantly underestimated in official figures.

But the weakness in the US's Denver pronouncements is that it is too early to claim conclusively that productivity gains have driven growth. Sceptics point to labour figures, which suggest that recent growth has been fuelled by an increase in the number of people working and in the time they spend working. The risk is that this trend will eventually push up wages:

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indeed, pessimists argue that this would already be visible were it not for recent welfare reforms, which have started to force tens of thousands of people off the benefit rolls into the labour market.

The danger of US politicians' present giddy mood is that they prejudge these unresolved debates and overlook the long list of things which may now go wrong. Of those, inflation tops the list, as the International Monetary Fund remarked earlier this week in its annual comment on the US economy. The pressure may come not just from wage inflation, but also from consumer spending.

The financial markets yesterday largely brushed aside a report that consumers were more confident than at any point in the previous 28 years. The markets, however. expect that evidence that this confidence was converting into a big rise in actual spending would force another

rise in interest rates. As Mr Clinton's counterparts gently pointed out at

Denver, it is also stretching a point to say that the US has reined in its budget deficits forever. The ageing of the population and the unwillingness so far of American politicians to curtail pensions and medical care for the elderly mean that the budget deficit is expected to widen sharply after 2010, albeit after Mr Clinton has stepped out of the White House door for the last time. The "balanced budget" deal that Mr Clinton has just thrashed out with Congress failed entirely to address this

Meanwhile, as European governments were keen to point out. US inequality has widened on many measures during the boom. As the chart shows, a college graduate is now likely to earn even more than an unskilled worker. The US has traditionally been more tolerant of inequality than other G7 members, a point emphasised by the budget, which promotes tax cuts geared to the wealthy. But as Mr Clinton acknowledged at Denver in emphasising the

amount that he planned to spend on education, it is not a

Cider and the man who took the rap, unfairly I always thought, for last year's disasters at Matthew Clark. Nash is joining as a non-executive director of Nicholson Graham & Jones, the City lawyer, and is apparently expected to bring his expertise in marketing fizzy drinks to the legal profession. Lawyers marketing themselves? Matthew Clark, oddly enough, is a client of Nicholson Graham & Jones. which suggest the next client meeting could be fun.



Andy Nash will bring skill in fizzy drinks to the law

The 'midwife' and a case of Ruthanasia

Alasdair Murray reports on a lesson

of fiscal prudence for the Chancellor

rennial under-performer to

street protests.

much-vaunted transformation of corporate America also looks suspect. In telecom-7 hen Ruth Richardmunications and electricity. son travels the world industries which affect every preaching her message of fiscal prudence, she company's costs, the US has almost entirely failed to push arrives confident that governthrough the deregulation ment and bureaucrats are listening. The former New Zealand Finance Minister is which successive Administrations have agreed is essential: indeed, the complexity of the credited as the architect of recent telecoms legislation welfare and policy reforms may frustrate competition for that have apprently transformed the struggling New Zealand economy from a pe-

Meanwhile, a more conservative political climate has made it virtually impossible for the President to negotiate new trade agreements, one of the clearest achievements of his first term, which have demonstrably added to US growth in just a few years. With the lapsing of "fast-track" authority — the ability to present bills to Congress on a "take it or leave it" basis, without amendment - Mr Clinton is unlikely to be able to push through an extension of the North American Free

factor that the US Administra-

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tion can ignore.

Trade Agreement to Latin America. US sibility Act achieved just weeks before Denver effectively removed the possibility that Mr Clinton would use his second term to address some of these deeperseated problems with the American economy, in particular the entitlements of the elderly. The US's ebullience at Denver was not absurd; the record of the US economy has been truly remarkable. But to set out its long-term objectives for public sector borrowpessimists were right to sound

the alarm; when the US next

hosts the summit, the current

boom may seem like a fond

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budget process is also very different with the Government publicly stating its targets six months before the Budget and releasing a draft version of its plans for parliamentary and public scrutiny.

Ms Richardson says: "The

Government is now forced to start by defining its strategic targets and then working out how it will fund these objectives. It has ended the 'rabbit out of the hat' style of economic policymaking."

one of the most dynamic. But her popularity with Ms Richardson believes that politicians and technocrats this style of reform is very much abroad was never matched in tune with Gordon Brown's back in New Zealand. Her long-termism. "He has shown radical approach was dubbed leadership by introducing the "Ruthanasia" as she cut a long-overdue reform of the Bank of England," she says. swath through the welfare state. Her unpopularity plumbed such depths that "He will have a window of opportunity post-Budget to coneffigies of her were burnt in tinue the momentum."

The UK Government has She was dropped from the already looked to New Zea-Government after the inconland for inspiration in reformclusive 1993 election, but was ing monetary policy and it is still able to "midwife" through clear that the Fiscal Responsibility Act has caught the eye of Parliament the Fiscal Respon-Gavyn Davies, chief econo-mist at Goldman Sachs, and a It is this novel act, which is

the fiscal equivalent of Mr Brown's Bank of England reregular adviser of Mr Brown. Opposition to Mr Brown forms, that she is currently introducing such a reform is trying to sell to the British. The likely to come from inside the Labour Party. Some back-Act brings transparency and benchers have already excoherence to economic nolicypressed concern that the making by defining the financial parameters within which monetary policy reforms have limited the Government's the Government must work. The Government is obliged

room for manoeuvre. Ms Richardson also emphasises that the Fiscal Responsibility Act does not prevent parties advocating higher public spending. "But crazy parties can no longer put forward crazy policies." she said.

at sea

SBC WARBURG does not that caught the annual Extel seem to be taking the new Government terribly seriously. A few weeks ago it invited a number of corporate guests to Henley Regatta, where everyone drinks too much champagne and no one watches any rowing. The day chosen was July 2. At that time. Budgets were traditionally held on Tuesdays. Now Warburg has fallen foul of the same trap

"Finally, if you could sign

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the Ritz Hotel. Taking Flight

THEY are a long-lived breed in fund management. Already this week Michael Hart has agreed to take over as directorgeneral of the Association of Inestment Trust Companies at 65, with no idea when he might be retiring. Now another doyen of the industry has a new job at 68. Tom Griffin, co-founder of GT Management, is the first chairman of recently merged Guinness Flight Hambro Asset Management. It is something of a sentimental return - his first job in the City was at Foreign & Colonial, but the comDIARY

office move. He spent his first six months on secondment to Hambros Bank.

Child's play FIRST Thomas the Tank En-

gine, then Paddington, now Captain Pugwash. I ring interbrand, the specialist consultancy, for tips on the next half-forgotten children's programme to be made this week's hot brand. Chris Cleaver, a director, says the programme must he remembered, through a patina of nostalgia, by the people who actually buy the spin-off prodpany was in the throes of an ucts. The parents see it and it

seems familiar to them in a way that some of the other things invented more recently Sonic the Hedgehog, Power Rangers - are not." He speculates on Camberwick Green, Trumpton, or characters out of the Flintstones stable from the US. I plump for Noggin the Nog - Vikings, dragons, trolls, how can it fail?

■ HARD to credit it, I know,

but the boom in City legal work has created a shortage of lawyers. Fenners, a small father-and-son partnership started as a breakaway from Berwin Leighton two years ago, has had the executive headhunters searching three months for a young potential partner, competitive salary which must mean £50,000 and upwards. No takers so far. There's nobody out there," wails a colleague. "Because of the recession, people stopped hiring There's nobody coming through at that level." Hope dawns for John and Robert Fenner, though. For-

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Ionica ready to seek partners overseas

IONICA, the wireless telephony company which currently operates in the East of England and the Midlands, said it intends to seek foreign partners in an effort to develop a significant overseas business.

The strategy was outlined yesterday, when the company announced the details of its E125 million flotation sched-uled for next month. Nigel Playford, 41, the chief executive who founded Ionica in 1991, said: "It could be that the side show for us."

Ionica will probably bid for foreign operating licences and expects to receive an everincreasing stream of overseas royalties on the wireless technology that it developed jointly with Noriel, the Canadian

Hogg to pull out of transport

By ADAM JONES

HOGG ROBINSON is to sell its transport division, which had turnover of £121 million last year, to concentrate on business travel and financial services.

The company yesterday said pre-tax profit was £28.1 million (£26.3 million) for the year to March 31. The figure does not include exceptional costs of £3.5 million relating to the sale of Weys, its loss-making Dutch logistics business. Hogg Robinson shocked

warning in January. David Radcliffe, formerly managing director of the business travel division. has been appointed chief executive.

the market with a profit

A dividend of 6.1p (5.45p) is to be paid on August 8, making a total of 9.8p (8.75p) for the year. communications company The system, which uses radio signals to deliver telephone signals to roof-mounted antennas, is currently being in-stalled in Scottand, Finland, the Czech Republic and Australia, among other countries.

The flotation is expected to value Ionica at between £558 million and £58) million, with an offering of about 35 million ordinary shares at a price between 370p and 390p. The offer price is due to be an-nounced on July 18, with share dealings on the London Stock Exchange and America's Nasdaq market starting the same day. Mr Playford will own 6.6 per cent of Ionica, valued at about £38 million. after the flotation.

None of the existing share-holders, which include Yorkshire Electricity, Doughty Hanson and Morgan Stanley, is selling its equity. The £125 million is new money and will be used to help to complete lonica's national roll-out by

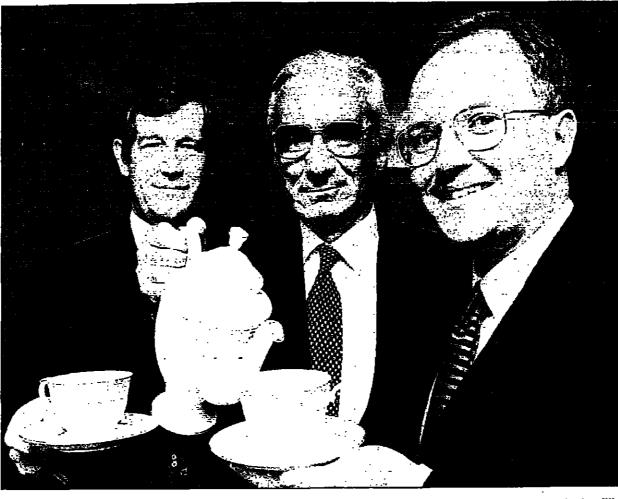
lonica is aiming for 7 per cent market penetration and expects to make net profits in four years. Relatively inexpen-sive installation costs and prices that it claims are 15 per cent less expensive than BT's are behind its growth strategy.

Since no digging is re-quired, lonica said it can connect customers for an average of £720. The cable industry, by comparison, has been spending three to four times that amount to connect its

Ionica has so far raised E400 million, half in equity and half in debt, to fund its operations and expansion. The company is to raise a further £300 million in debt at the same time as the flotation; about £100 million of this amount is to be underwritten by Nortel.

In the past financial year, lonica reported a loss of £43.9 million on turnover of £14.9 million. It had 22,000 customers at the end of May.

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Rob Yates, left, chief executive of John Tams Group, Gerald Tams, chairman, and Mark Taylor, finance director. celebrate a return to profit by the

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Fenchurch, announced pre-tax

exceptional items for the year

to March, compared with

£13.9 million for Lowndes

Other costs relating to the

merger included a writedown

for unoccupied property and

obsolete computer systems after the link-up in February.

Earnings per share were down slightly to 14.8p (15.6p) and the final dividend is

maintained at 5.5p a share, making 8.4p again for the

weeks of the merger.

products. John Tams made pre-tax profits of £1.9 million for the year to March 31, up from a loss of £200,000 in the previous 12 months. Turnover fell to £27.3 million, from £28.9 million, but

operating profits rose to £2.12 million. from an adjusted £1.39 million, reflecting benefits of cost-cutting and increased focus on higher-margin products. A 2.41p final dividend makes 4.01p (same).

Manders issues profits warning

MANDERS, the chemicals company, issued a profits warning yesterday in the wake of a margin squeeze caused by the rising pound. It said "pretax profit for 1997 will be significantly below market expectations". Analysts had forecast profits of about £8 million.

profit of £14.6 million before The company claimed to be hit particularly hard by ster-ling's strength because 75 per Lambert only in 1996. The cent of its output is sold latest figure included a overseas. The purchase of raw £300,000 contribution from materials abroad added to the Fenchurch for the first six currency problems.

In a trading statement, the company said that although sales volume in the first five months improved through organic growth, continued pressure on selling prices together with higher material prices, had eroded margins.

Manders said that the

strong pound has also had a significant effect on the translated value of profits of overseas subsidiaries. The warning surprised the City as it came only three months after the annual results in March. The company said then that "the impact (of sterling) on our business would be limited and the effects of translating our results into sterling not too marked".

The share price did not move from 130p yesterday. Analysts had already discounted the probability of currency problems, at which the company had hinted in March. The share price has fallen by more than 50 per cent over the past year.

The company said: 'Our balance sheet remains strong and while first-half profits will be disappointing compared with last year, competitive pressures on prices are weakening, and we are confident that profitability will be improved in the second half."

foreign subsidiaries mainly by debt rather than equity:

this gives them "clean" inter-

est in the UK rather than dividends that are "sullied"

by a credit for foreign tax. They do this not out of a sense

of patriotism, but to bear

enough UK tax to pay divi-

dends without increasing

their tax liability. They will no

longer have the incentive to

Japanese market rises on survey

THE Japanese stock market surged overnight after the Bank of Japan's quarterly Tankan survey revealed much stronger business sentiment than previously suspected

(George Sivell writes).
Japanese analysts said the survey result was ideal, sug-gesting that the tone of the economy was strong but not enough to justify an early rise in the official discount rate. However, they remained wary of the possibility of a rate rise from the current 0.5 per cent by the autumn.

The Nikkei average rose 337.34 points to close at 20,679.27. The dollar dipped more than one yen from late Tuesday's New York levels to Y113.38. Japanese government

bond and euroyen futures fell. The survey measures the balance of companies that see conditions as favourable over those that do not. The June index was plus seven, up from plus two in March.

phenomenon on the head. For years, the

garrulous MP for Great Grimsby has been

the populist frontman for attacking the

accountancy profession. First, he simply

enraged the profession. Then they grew to

like him. "If we didn't have Austin," senior

people in the large firms and at the institutes

articles and speeches, peppered as they were

with the old Labour jargon in which business was run exclusively by "toffs" and "chaps", was good for the profession. All the card-board cut-out cliches reminded accountants

of their responsibilities. But they also knew

that it was delivered in such a delightfully

old-fashioned knockahout style that they had

They also knew the background. Professor

Prem Sikka, a man they tended to view as an eccentrically obsessive critic, was the provid-

er of enormous sheaves of Mitchell's rhetoric.

But accountants who met

Mitchell when Sikka was

not at his elbow knew that,

by and large, the genial MP

was not so wildly at odds with their views as the

ranting articles might have

suggested. And we know

from a recent article written

by Mitchell's wife that the family view of Sikka is not

necessarily that he is a man with his finger fully on the

political pulse.

The view was that Mitchell's stream of

say. "we would have to invent him."

BUSINESS HOUNDLE

Opec heavyweights press for output cut

SAUDI ARABIA and Iran, the heavyweight members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries have increased pressure on Venezuela, the cartel's biggest quotaviolator, to cut excess production and help to ratcher up the price of oil. Delegates at the quota-setting Open meeting, however, doubted that the move would have much impact.

Opec was ready to open Vienna talks to assign production quotas for the six months from July I.

Delegates forecast that a Saudi-backed majority would favour the expedient of freezing current quotas under the ceiling of 25 million backels a day world the instance and the country the of 25 million barrels a day until the year's end. However, the Saudis, working with Iran, were trying to deal with quota violations by some members, led by Venezuela, that have lifted actual Opec output two million barrels above the target.

Food exports plea

BRITAIN could double the value of its food and drink exports by 2005 to more than £20 billion, a new report says. Food companies should focus on growing markets in Asia Pacific and Eastern Europe, according to the Food From Britain export marketing consultancy. They should also play on their ability to innovate by concentrating on convenience and value added goods. An increasingly saturated home market will mean limited growth opportunities in the next few years.

Vocalis loss deepens

VOCALIS, the speech technology and call processing group, lost £1.9 million before tax in the year to March 31, a deterioration from the £12 million loss in the previous year. Losses per share accelerated from 4.85p to 6.1p. The group raised £4.4 million in a flotation last July and at the year end had £2.9 million in cash or on deposit. It said: "We have moved well towards the goals established before the public issue. The group now has all of the components necessary for success."

Penna at the double

PENNA, the human resource services group, reported pretax profits up to £2.27 million (£1.06 million) in the year to March 31, on £16.7 million sales (£14.7 million). Earnings per share rose from 10.12p to 20.26p. The total dividend is maintained at 2p. Sir Andrew Hugh Smith, chairman, said: "Current operating conditions show good demand for all the services we provide. We hope to continue the steady growth we have enjoyed these past two and a half years."

GEI leaps to £5.5m

GEI INTERNATIONAL, the processing and packaging machinery group, lifted pre-tax profits to 55.5 million, from £1.8 million, in the year to March 3I. Turnover from continuing operations fell to £85 million, from £91 million. The company has completed its withdrawal from steel manufacturing. The total dividend is unchanged at 4.5p a share, with a 3p final. Earnings rose to 9.3p a share, from 4.7p. The shares rose ip, to 99p.

Chesterfield acquisition

CHESTERFIELD PROPERTIES has made its first acquisition in retail warehousing, paying £11.1 million for the 96,000 sq ft Admiral Retail Park in Eastbourne, East Sussex. Tenants at the development, which is due for completion in September, will be Homebase, ScottishPower, Pet City, Wickes, Tempo and McDonalds. The vendor is Spen Hill Properties. Chesterfield will pay an initial consideration of E8.8 million, with the balance due on completion of the development.

Why Mitchell should

carry on regardless

Robert

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ACCOUNTANCY

End of the line for tax credit?

David Cruickshank cautions the

Chancellor of the Exchequer

against rushing into a decision

ordon Brown, the Chancellor, wants to raise more money in next week's Budget. He has also said the present system encourages companies to pay excessive dividends rather than retain profits to invest in the business. That must mean the tax credit is at risk

Abolishing the tax credit would be easy, but the ramifications would be widespread. Some suggest that Mr Brown will reduce it by 5 per cent now, with a view to phasing it out over a period. But that does not conjure away the problems: it merely eases the adjustment to them. Here are some of the consequences of

getting rid of the credit.

Charities: Many charities invest a large part of their capital in equities. The 20 per cent reduction in dividend yield would force them to

curtail activities.

□ Pension funds: By far the majority of occupational pension funding is done under "final-salary" schemes. If the tax credit is abolished, the 20 per cent reduction in dividend vield will produce a double whammy since employers will have to make good both the future pension shortfall caused by lower dividend income and the reduction in capital value built up to meet pensions that have aiready accrued. This value must be actuarially calculated by reference to the (now reduced) income the fund can generate.

This, in turn, will reduce the corporation tax yield, or it may precipitate a move from final-salary schemes to "money-purchase" schemes. As with personal pensions and additional voluntary contributions (AVCs) the loss of dividend yield would reduce members' pensions. ☐ Debt/equity bias: Abolish-

ing the tax credit will add to the bias against equity in favour of debt finance. If interest and dividend rates were equal, the net return on loan finance would be about 20 per cent greater than that on equity finance. Risk-free lending would be favoured at the expense of risk-bearing equity finance.

☐ Would ACT be kept! The tax credit goes hand in hand with advance corpora-tion tax, but even if the Chancellor abolishes the former I would expect him to

keep the latter. A short-term reason for continuing to make companies pay part of their corporation tax in advance when they pay dividends is to keep up the cashflow to the Exchequer. Without any ACT, even if it is replaced by a dividend withholding tax.

have paid them less. Fifty-

seven per cent of finance

directors reported that they

had doled out pay rises of

between 1 per cent and 3.4 per

cent. Meanwhile, they have

paid themselves more. Sixty

per cent of finance directors

reported that management

pay had gone up more than 4.5



David Cruickshank would like wider discussion

there will be a shortfall of revenue in the first year. Only in the second year will revenue receipts go up, when the full amount of the first year's cornoration tax is received without any ACT to offset it. ☐ International groups: A longer-term reason for keeping ACT is to do with international groups. Some groups that have high overseas earnings do not pay much corpo-

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ration tax. The ACT they pay on their dividends is not so much a prepayment as the unity payment of corporation The Exchequer would lose permanently from such ACT were abolished.

These groups often try to maximise their UK-source profits at the expense of foreign-source profits. For instance, they may finance their

plan the UK sourcing of profits if ACT is abolished. ☐ Tax credit and basic rate: If, initially, the Chancellor does no more than reduce the tax credit by 5 per cent, he will have to solve a Chinese puzzle. If the basic rate of tax stays at 23 per cent, will he collect the missing 8 per cent from basic rate taxpayers? Eight per cent is a large margin, but it would be cumbersome to collect it from shareholders who typically have small portfolios of shares in utilities and demutualised building societies. Many more people would have to submit self-assess-

ment tax returns. ☐ Conclusion: To reduce the credit by 5 per cent would have considerable consequences. If the Chancellor is contemplating further cuts I hope he will put forward his ideas for the widest possible discussion.

Mitchell has made his Mistaking mark. Certainly the current quences could create considproposals for the indepenerable financial turmoil and dent oversight board undo the Government's aim planned by the profession to create a stable business and much of the emphasis environment and engender on a level playing field in the long-term confidence. debate over limited liability The author is head of London tax. partnerships would not have come about if he had not been such a Deloitte & Touche

persistent critic. But now we seem to have reached the point where the Mitchell performances have less and less contact with what is going on in the profession. The profession has changed. The Government has changed. The only thing that hasn't is Mitchell's material. His script remains the same.

This became obvious in the adjournment debate on the regulation of auditors that he initiated last week in the House of Commons. He happily ignored his party's manifesto pledge, garbled though it was, to review the law on joint and several liability and provide accountants "with adequate protection". Instead he rattled off an attack on the idea of limited liability partnerships. He praised the American authorities for their regulatory

IT MAY be time to knock the Austin Mitchell zeal, yet ignored the fact that they seem perfectly comfortable with such partnerships. If such measures were introduced here it "would ensure that all the partners in a practice, who are currently liable down to their last Jaguar and their last yacht, could evade their liabilities", he said.

He had a go at "the dubious and dodgy tactics used by the big accountancy firms" in this matter. He had a rant about the "fin-pot jurisdiction in Jersey" that could allow such partnership structures. On the subject of regulation he ignored the existence of the profession's proposals for an independent oversight board. He hardened his usual "chaps regulating chaps" gibe to "the mafia regulates the mafia".

All this was standard stuff. But what was interesting was the response from lan McCartney, Department of Trade and Industry Minister responsible for the profession. He emphasised that "our fundamental responsibility is to come to a view on how to

strike a fair overall balance in the public interest. He thanked Mitchell for his "animated, enthusiastic and provocative presentation". But he took none of Mitchell's points on board. He

pointed out that the DTI haditself commissioned an independent academic to look into the profession's record on regulation in 1994 and that his conclusion was that "self-regulation is being op-erated conscientiously". He pointed out that Mitchell had got some of his figures

The impression he gave was that the Government would stick to its manifesto pledges and that fairness would be its watchword. In other words, the Mitchell era of slapstick and

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nnuendo, however well meant, is over. Yet it will be a sad day for the profession if. his colourful scatter-gun approach is lost. This week we learnt that this year, for the first time in a decade, accountancy firms are refusing to release any voluntary figures on their financial performance. Accountancy, the journal of the English ICA, traditionally collates the figures and calculates a Top 50. But this year the majority of the senior firms are refusing to provide figures at all. It seems at hest odd, and at worse perverse, that the firms, which all know that disclosure is the quid pro quo for any change in partnership legislation, should refuse to make any igures, however rough and ready, available. Forget about retirement Austin. Pick up your pen once more.

Happiness is higher pay

FINANCE directors are happy souls. Or so the latest survey says. Havs Accountancy Personnel surveyed 450 finance directors and found that two thirds of them felt the future looked good or very good. That might not be surprising considering the survey's other findings. The finance directors report that workload per employee has in-

creased 60 per cent in the per cent, which probably exmanufacturing sector and of plains the happiness. per cent in services while they

Fuller figures

IN SPITE of the continuing reluctance of accountancy firms to release figures Saffery Champness is keen to swim against the tide. Not only has it just announced a 10 per cent increase in fee income to EIS.6 million for its

1996-97 year but it has also revealed that it has been awarded nationwide accreditation by Investors in People. It is only the second accountancy firm to have achieved such an

Sporting lives

GRAHAM WARD, deputy chairman of Price Waterhouse's world energy

group and a persistent contender for the presidential ladder at the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, has always had a sporting reputation. He was famously the university's heavyweight boxing champion when he was at Oxford. But now his prowess is rubbing off on others. His secretary at Price Waterhouse, Jo Hogan, is All England county champion at bar billiards.

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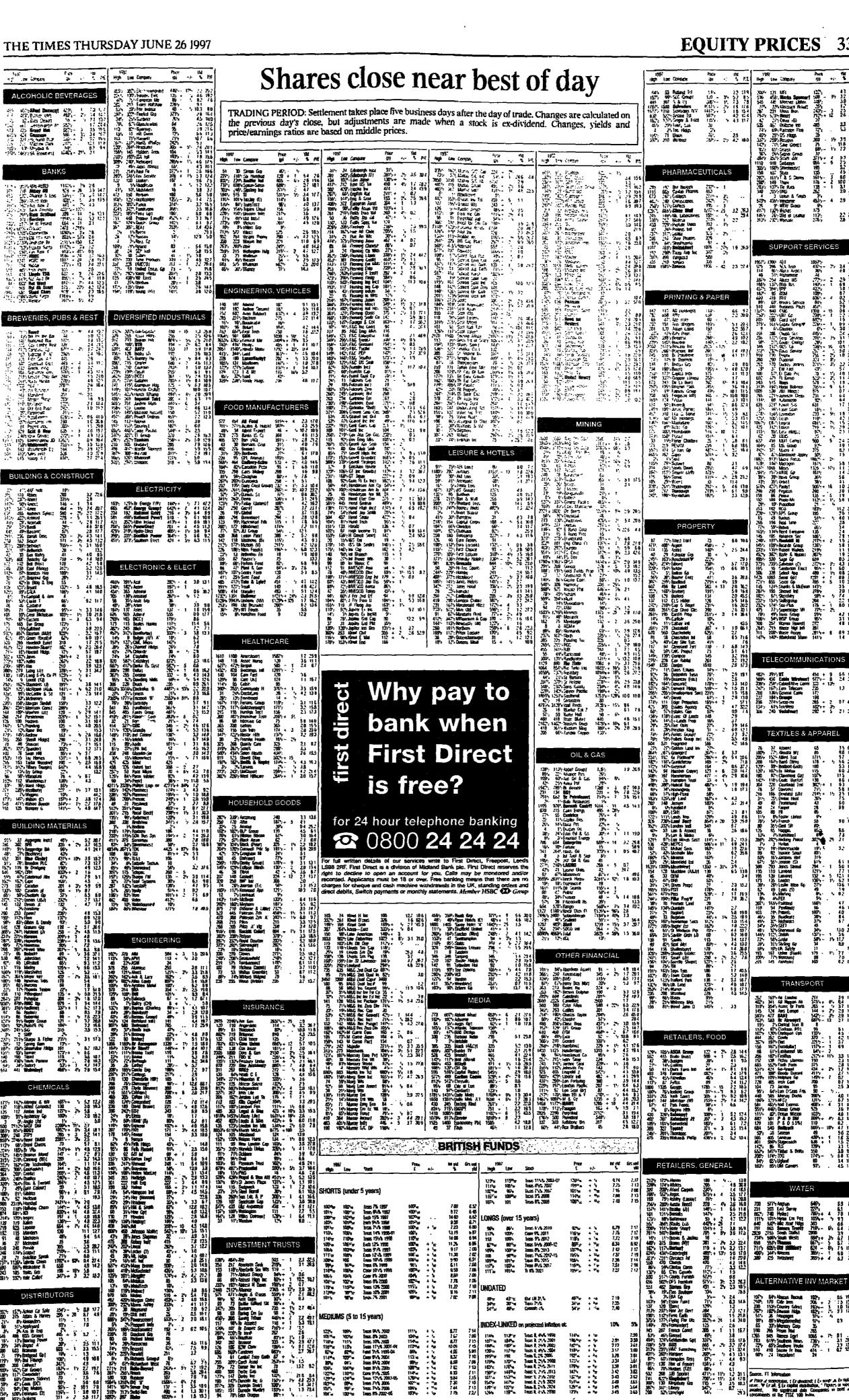
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That subsection applied only to

Mr Justice Tudor Evans was in

error in Russell v Barnet London Borough Council ((1984) S3 LGR

152, 170-171) where he said that the

predecessor of that subsection applied to all trees, whether or not

planted by the highway authority.

So far as planted trees were concerned it was clear that the

highway authority would be liable under section 96(6) if the roots of

the planted tree caused dehydra-tion to the soil and consequent

subsidence of a building adjacent

to the highway.
In his Lordship's opinion, the

authorities also showed that a

sufficient property in post-adop-tion trees also vested in the

highway authority to ground an

action for nuisance both at the suit

of the user of the highway who was injured as a result of the dan-

gerous condition of the tree and

also at the suit of an adjoining owner who suffered damage to

person or property, provided the

damage was reasonably foresceable.

His Lordship referred to Turner v Ringwood ((1870) LR 9 Eq 418); Coverdale v Charlton ((1878) 4 QBD 104 and Stillwell v New

shire County Council Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith.

Lord Justice Morritt and Sir John Balcombe

(Judgment June 19) Where a tree grew in the verge of a highway which had been dedicated to the public the highway authority were liable for damage to a building adjacent to the highway caused by the roots of the tree.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, dismissing an appeal by Hampshire County Council from an award by Mr Recorder Meggeson, at Southamptun County Court, of £78.823 to the plaintiffs, Steven John Hurst and Jane Hurst, for damage to their

Mr Simon Russen for the council: Mr Dermod O'Brien. QC and Mr John McDonald for the

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that the plaintiffs were the owners of a semi-de-tached house at 213 Highlands Read, Fareham, built in 1954; the other part of the building was numbered 211. The council were the highway authority for High-lands Road.

In the verge of the highway outside the boundaries of 211 and 213 was an oak tree. It was between 170 and 190 years old. If the dividing line between 211 and 213 was extended out to the pentre of the road, the tree was on the 211

Highlands Road was an ancient highway originally maintainable by the inhabitants at large which subsequently vested in the council or their predecessors, it was accepted that the tree was planted and grew after the highway had

Northumberland and Dur-

ham Property Trust Ltd v

London Rent Assessment

When remitting a case to a

tribunal for rehearing where a

respondent had conceded a ma-

terial ground of appeal, a court was not bound to hear full argu-

ment on every other ground of

appeal to comply with Order 55,

rule 7(5) of the Rules of the

Mr Justice Latham so held in a

reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division on May 23 when

Supreme Court.

Committee and Others

In 1989, during a very dry summer, the plaintiffs' house began to suffer serious structural damage. It was the plaintiffs' case that the damage was caused by subsidence due to moisture extrac-tion or dehydration of the clay soil

The council maintained that the damage was caused by rehydra-tion of the soil resulting in heave rather than subsidence. The recorder resolved the issue in favour of the plaintiffs and there was no appeal on that point.

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tion 96(1) provided a power only to maintain the tree. In the absence of a claim based on section 40(6) of the Act he said that there was no statutory duty to act and mere failure to do so did not give rise to

He submitted that the tree was not the property of the council, but

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The appellant had submitted

that despite the respondent's con-

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of appeal had been made out and

that the matter should be remitted

to the tribunal, the court was obliged under Order 55 to hear full

argument on all 13 grounds in

order to provide the tribunal with

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line of the highway.

However, it was clear that the tree was in fact on the 211 side of the projected boundary between the two houses, so that if anyone other than the council was the owner it was the owner of 21).

The primary submission of Mr O'Brien was that under the statutory provisions whereby the highway was vested in the council and their predecessors the property in the tree also vested in them so that they became owners of the tree, or, ahernatively, sufficient property in it to found liability for nuisance.

Mr ()'Brien's alternative submission was that the power to maintain contained in section 96(1), coupled with the exercise of that power by pruning the tree for at least 30 years, demonstrated sufficient control over the tree to found an action in nuisance. Before considering the relevant

statutory provisions, it was convenient for the purpose of the judgment to divide trees growing the highway into three categories: I Those planted and growing in the

highway before dedication or adoption of the highway by the inhabitants at large or the highway authority: pre-adoption trees. 2 Those planted and growing in the highway after dedication or adoption, but not planted under statutory powers: post-adoption trees. The tree in the present case

was a post-adoption tree. 3 Those planted under express statutory powers granted to the highway authority: planted trees. Section 96 of the 1980 Act provided: "(I) ... a highway au-thority may, in a highway main-

Vindsor Corporation ([1932] 2 Ch Mr Russen submitted that if the

Patrick Russell

highway authority would in any event be under a potential liability His Lordship said that that in nuisance to road users and power to maintain trees, which included the power to prune them, adjoining owners and occupiers at common law. Section 96(6) imposed a liability, he submitted. related to all three categories.

which would not otherwise exist at Subsection (6) provided: "No tree common law. . shall be planted ... or ... allowed to remain ... so as to be a nuisance ... to the owner ... of But, in his Lordship's judgment, Mr O'Brien's answer to that premises adjacent to the highway. submission was correct. Section

96(6) had been inserted to guard against an argument which might otherwise be based upon the principle in Geddis v Bann Reservoir ((1878 3 App Cas 430), namely, that if the statutory power to plant was exercised without negligence the highway authority would not be liable if the consequence of the growth and dev-elopment of the tree resulted in

There was no doubt that, so far as post-adoption trees were concerned, the property in them vested in the highway authority for all

If they were planted, albeit not under statutory power, they were planted for highway purposes in that part of the soil which plainly vested. If they were self-seeded, again they were seeded in that part of the highway which vested in the local authority.

If as they matured their roots encroached into the subsoil which remained the property of the adjoining owner, his Lordship did not see how that made the trees the property of the owner of the

That was sufficient to dispose of the appeal in the plaintiffs' favour, but both counsel had urged upon the court the view that there was no logical distinction between pre and post-adoption trees so far as

fied Mr Binks's conduct as "very

Miss Dohmann effectively as-

signed the case to the category described by Lord Jenkins in

Akerhielm v De Mare (1959) AC

789, 806) in which it was impos-

sible to hold that Mr Binks

honestly understood the

representation to hear the mean-

ing claimed by him and honestly

believed it in that sense to be true.

accepted if the court was convinced

that the high test affirmed by the Privy Council in Akerhielm (at

He added, again correctly, that

the satisfaction of that high test

was made all the harder where the effective defendant was a solicitor aged 68, the senior partner in his

firm and one who had practised for

over 25 years without the slightest blemish on his character.

However, someone who repre another in relation to a binding

agreement for sale, the representa

and influenced by the other's request not to reveal that comple-

tion had taken place, could only

intend to convey, or be willing to

give the impression that the agree

Indeed, the judge himself rec-

ognised that to accept instructions

to write a solicitor's letter on a subject without menitoning a

particular fact when one did not

know the context was perilous and

ing a fact on the one hand and

giving a misleading impression while not mentioning a fact on the

other hand became doubly per-

The conclusion was that Mr Binks intended to convey, or at

ment had not been completed.

being untrue to his knowledge

Mr Steinfeld argued, correctly, that that submission could only be

gravely mistaken".

p80b) was satisfied.

Mr Russen relied on the decision of Mr Justice Tudor Evans in Russell v Barnet LBC and a decision of his Lordship in Bridges v Harrow LBC ([1981] 260 EG 284) that the highway authority was not liable for post-adoption trees. For the reasons already given his Lordship rejected that submission.

Mr O'Brien submitted that both decisions were wrong. He pointed out that even in relation to preadoption trees the highway authority were liable in nuisance to users of the highway. The law extended to users of the highway the same protection in relation to nuisance on the highway as an occupier of land enjoyed in relation to a nuisance causing physical damage emanating from the adjoining land.

If there was any logical basis in

the distinction it depended upon the fiction that in the case of a preadoption tree there was a reservation from the public's right to pass over the full extent of the highway that part of the surface on which the tree was growing and that the mer of the land at dedication intended to reserve the tree from

he dedication. There were no authorities binding upon the court which precluded the court from holding that pre-adoption trees vested in the highway authority for all purposes. The time had come when the courts should adopt a consistent approach to all highway trees other than those already subject to the statutory scheme now contained in section 95 of the 1980 Act. Lord Justice Morritt and Sir

John Balcombe agreed. Solicitors: Mr P. C. B. Robertson, Alresford; C. A. Norris,

evitable consequence of his find-ings that Mr Binks knew that the

representation was untrue and was influenced by Mr Levitt's request not to reveal that comple-

In writing the letter of Septem-ber 12, Mr Binks intended to

convey, or at least was willing to give the impression that the share

sale agreements had not been

The bank was entitled to judg-

ment in the action.
Solicitors: Gouldens; Barlow

tion had taken place.

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Judge can form own opinion

Regina v Smith (Leonard) Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Rougier and Mr Justice Maurice

|Judgment June 9 A judge considering the sentence to be passed on a stalker after an !]day trial was entirely justified in dissenting from reports of psychi-atric opinion whether the offender. if at liberty, would present a continuing threat to the victim.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held when reducing from 30 to 21 months the sentence on Peter Leonard Smith, aged 52, imposed at Knightsbridge Crown Court by Judge Richard Walker on conviction for assault occasioning actual bodily harm on the victin contrary to section 47 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861 by conducting an obsessive pursuit of the victim from 1992 to

Mrs Pearl Humberstone, signed by the Registrar of Crim-inal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Aftab Jaffergee, present by direc-tion of the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the Crown.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE. giving the judgment of the court, said that the question for the judge in sentencing was whether the threshold for a custodial sentence had been crossed bearing in mind the appellant's conduct had been persisted in for a long period. causing injury to the victim's mental and physical health and that he had persisted despite many warnings and opportunities to

Mrs Humberstone accepted that the custody threshold had been crossed and their Lordships had no hesitation in agreeing.

His Lordship referred to R vBurstow (The Times July 30, 1996; |1997| I Cr App R 104) and R Constanza (The Times March 31. 1997) and said that Mrs Humberstone relied on the relationship in the present case being genuine and loving and also that the appellant had been suffer ing from a depressive illness while

She also relied on psychiatric reports on the appellant and, in particular, on the report that the appellant did not represent a continuing threat to the victim. She submitted in the grounds of appeal that the judge was wrong to take a different view.

the events were taking place.

Their Lordships were of the very clear opinion that the judge was entirely justified in taking the view that he did, even if that meant some divergence from the psychiatric opinions before him.

It was the practice of the courts to receive with great respect any opinion expressed by any qualified medical practitioner. On technical questions turning on issues of medical expertise or diagnosis a judge would be very unlikely to dissent from such an opinion.

The question in this case, how ever, was whether the appellant was likely, if at liberty, to represent a continuing threat to the victim. The judge had correctly held that that was something on which he opinion than the doctors. Accordingly, their Lordships would make

no criticism of his approach.

Starting from the position that: custodial sentence was appropriate, the sentence had two ele ments as the judge had pointed out: (i) punishment for the conduct persisted in over a period to the grave injury to the victim; (ii) to afford a significant measure of protection to the victim.

It was relevant to bear in mind that the appellant was driven by his obsession, which he appeared to be unable to control. That did not relieve him of responsibility for what he had done but it mitigated the gravity of the offence to some

So far as concerned appropriate period protection of the victim, it was important to bear in mind that in contrast to Burstow the present was the appellant's first experience f imprisonment.

One had reason to hope that the experience might have the effect of bringing him to his senses and tha conduct of the kind complained of simply could not be tolerated or accepted. A significant custodial sentence was called for. Solicitors: Crown Prosecution

Service, London.

Correction

In Marshall v NM Financial Management Ltd (The Times June 24) the unsuccessful appeal was brought by the defendant, NM Financial Management, represented by Mr Mark Cran, QC and Mr Neil Calver. The plaintiff, Mr

Marshall, was represented by Mr

Mark Barnes, QC and Mr Andrew

by the roots of the tree.

The recorder also found that the damage to the plaintiffs' house was reasonably foreseeable by the the Court of Appeal in Leaker v National Trust (1980) 1 QB 485) and Sollowny v Hampshire County Council ((1981) 78 LGR 449) that was a necessary precondition to liability in nuisance on the part of

The recorder did not find that the council owned the tree, He found them liable in nuisance and the tree and did so maintain it".

The power to maintain was contained in section 96(1) of the Highways Act 1980. There was evidence that between about 1956 and 1984 the council pruned the tree from time to time.

Mr Russen submitted that secliability at common law.

relied on the presumption that the owner of land adjoining the high-

them, plant trees ... and may ...

Cutting time of rehearing court had the power, in the exercise of its inherent jurisdiction to lant landlord under section 11 of the Tribunals and Inquiries Act control its own procedures, to 1992 against the respondent's decline to hear argument beyond that necessary to determine the

appropriate form of relief.

In exercising that discretion the court should have in mind the wider interest of the proper administration of justice, namely saving time and costs, and should be slow to permit an appellant to pursue its other grounds of appeal unless it could properly be said that it was necessary in the interests of justice for the court to determine and give its opinion upon those grounds.

fraudulently.

itors, Binks Stern, at the request of Mr Roger Levitt, was not made fraudulently. Miss Barbara Dohmann, QC and Mr T. A. G. Beazley for the bank; Mr Alan Steinfeld, QC and

Mr Michael King for the solicitors. LORD JUSTICE NOURSE, giving the judgment of the court, said that on September 12, 1990, Mr Binks, at the request of Mr Levitt, wrote to the bank.

when the bank was contemplating lending some £25 million to Mr Levitt on the security of what it understood to be two uncompleted contracts with General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation plc and Commercial Union Life Assurance Co Ltd.

Untrue letter fraudulent bank's action for fraudulent mishad come to find himself, the judge had failed to appreciate the in-

Henry Ansbacher & Co Ltd v representation. He was not sat-isfied that Mr Binks's Binks Stern (a Firm) Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord representation that the share sale Justice Peter Gibson and Sir agreement had not been completed was made fraudulently. He classi-

[Judgment June 24] A decision by a court of first instance acquitting a person of fraud could not be overturned on appeal except on the clearest grounds.

But a finding that a solicitor at the request of his client made a written representation to a bank that the solicitor knew to be untrue had inevitably to lead to the conclusion that it was made

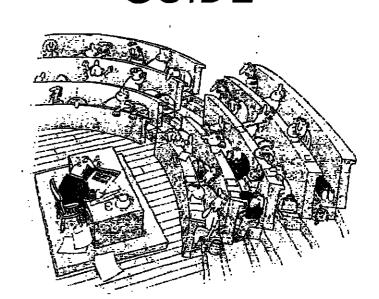
The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by the bank, Henry Ansbacher & Co Ltd, from the judgment of Mr Justice Knox in May 1995 in which he had held that a misrepresentation made in a letter by Mr W. R. Binks. then

The letter was received at a time

The bank's case was that the letter contained a clear representation that Mr Rinks was acting for Mr Levitt and that the contracts had not been completed. The true position was that they had been completed, their security value was nil and that Mr Binks, who had a Mr Levitt, knew that the contracts

had been completed. Relying partly on that letter the bank had made the loan to Mr Levitt. Within three months Mr Levitt was exposed as a fraudulent rogue and in his ensuing bankruptcy the bank lost the money it had lent. least was willing to give the impression that the share sale had not been In arriving at that conclusion the

court had faithfully sought to apply the high test required. There were the clearest grounds for setting aside the judge's decision. Out of natural sympathy for the predicament in which Mr Binks



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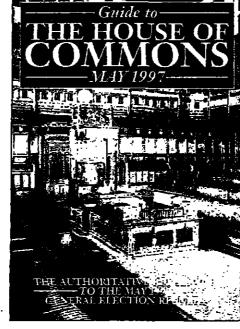


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held in the Chancery Division on

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CINEMA: Biff! George Clooney has a bash at playing Gotham City's finest. Pow! Geoff Brown sides with the baddies

Wholly ludicrous, Caped Crusader

Wales is interested is tottering towards the home stretch. Michael Gough, alias Alfred the butler, lies pale and dishevelled in bed. He is desperately ill. A doctor advises: It's stage one of MacGregor's syndrome."

Perhaps I am suffering from something related. You could call it Schumacher's syn-drome, after the film's director. Joel Schumacher, who also perpetrated the previous Batman epic. Batman Forever. It is caused by prolonged exposure to high-tech blockbusters that batter eyes and ears for hours at a time, set cash registers ringing the world over, but give no nour-ishment to the imagination. The disease is not fatal, but one's spirit dies a little.

As usual with these affairs. the first 20 minutes test one's stamina. After a few cheeky shots of Batman and Robin zipping up their black leather. the crime fighters race off to battle. Robin. as before, is Chris O'Donnell. eager and bland. Barman is George

atman & Robin — it has a PG certificate, if Diana. Princess of than Michael Kearon or Val Kilmer to rendering the character interesting.
Their destination is the

Gotham Museum of Art, encased in ice by Mr Freeze. He is portrayed by Arnold Schwarzenegger, got up to look like the mongrel offspring of the Tin Man in the Wizard of Oz and the ice Queen. "The iceman cometh!" Mr Freeze says with a mad glint in his eye. And he keeps on coming, along with the biffs and bashes, the aerial battles, the laboratory explosions and the tedious vamping of a vil-lainness (Uma Thurman's Poi-son Ivy). The pile-driving style is fine for raising audience adrenalin, but does nothing to help the film to nurture either characters or plot. When the time comes, as it

must, for these to be treated. the film falls apart. Batman and Robin quarrel about trust. Batman fears for the dying Alfred, his childhood saviour. Then the butler's English niece (Alicia Silverstone) arrives, although she acts and speaks more like a motorcycle



George Clooney, Uma Thurman and Chris O'Donnell compare costumes in a scene from Batman & Robin, the latest in the money-spinning series

chick from the San Fernando Valley. These wisps of plot never knit together, and only highlight the shallow spectacle

From the technical standpoint, the production's finesse provides much to gawn at.

Gotham's Gothic towers shoot into the sky. Streets, buildings and people are frozen where they stand; there are stunts galore. Bigger, though, is not particularly better, especially when Gotham's basic design is unchanged. Even rabid fans

of the series may be feeling they have been here too often. But they have not seen the villains, and it is they who give Batman & Robin whatever life it contains. Monotony sets in quickly with Thurman, the

horticulturalist turned slinky vamp. But Schwarzenegger is funny, moderately, and he seems to be enjoying himself. I'm glad somebody is. contrast. Love

Jones is easy to enjoy. The cast comprises young African Americans. The city is Chica-The time is now. You wait for the first ghetto slaying, the first heroin overdose. They never happen. Instead, characters in Theodore Witcher's first film recite poetry to double bass and sax accompaniment; they drop mentions of Charlie Parker, Mozart, even Bernard Shaw. Above all, they talk about love and sex, trust and commitment. This is that rarity: a caring, alert film Indeed, Love Jones, featur-

ing Larenz Tate and Nia Long, is so smoothly civilised that it almost persuades you to overlook its faults. But not quite. As the relationship between struggling photographer Nina and struggling writer Darius waxes and wanes, Witcher's script loses some grip on real life and falls into cliché. And all the available charm in the world - Tate and Long have considerable amounts - cannot hide the growing feeling of a film in low gear.

If Schwarzenegger or these Chicago lovebirds cannot entice you into a cinema, maybe Frantz Fanon will? No movie star he. although the actor impersonating the black intel-lectual in Frantz Fanon: Black Skin White Mask is certainly glamorous in looks, far more so than the genuine article. Born in Martinique in

Germany, trained in medicine and psychiatry, wrote his book Black Skin White Mask as a graduate thesis, worked at a psychiatric hospital in Algeria, and joined the country's National Liberation Front. His experiences gave him particu-lar insight into the mindset of racism and colonialism, and it is those that help to shape Isaac Julien and Mark Nash's

absorbing, poetic portrait.

Resistance to combat Nazi

This is far from a straight documentary. Staged recreations of scenes from Fanon's life, featuring Colin Salmon, with interviews with family members and cultural theorists. Newsreel footage, fictional film snatches, archive radio broadcasts are all blended in. Julien may have fallen down when directing actors in his fictional feature Young Soul Rebels, but he is a wizard at seducing us with socio-

historical essays.

Batman & Robin Warner West End PG, 125 mins New bottle, old wine

> Love Jones Virgin Trocadero 15, 109 mins Endearing black romance

Frantz Fanon: Black Skin White Mask ICA Cinema, 70 mins Poetic portrait of the black intellectual

The Battle of Algiers ICA Cinema, 121 mins Pontecorvo's masterpiece revived

heads, Julien and his cinematographer Nina Kellgren strive for poetic intensity in lighting and composition. This is not simply mannerism. It suits the script's conception of Fanon as a romantic figure. who died young, of leukaemia, in 1961, months before Algeria's independence. The overtvisual style also chimes with Fanon's thoughts about the dynamics of looking and desiring: not for nothing is Frantz Fanon devised by two people happy with structuralist film theory (Nash, producer and co-writer, once edited the infamous magazine Screen). Still. this is not a film to be afraid of: it stimulates the brain, heart and eye.

o, too, does The Battle of Algiers. Gillo film from 1965, revived as a companion piece to the Fanon portrait. Partly funded by the Algerian Government and banned for a time in France, Pontecorvo's film thrusts us headlong into the country's struggle for indepen-dence in the 1950s. We see, in hard-edged black-and-white, the teeming casbah, the Liberation Front leaders planning tactics and evading capture, buildings dynamited, dancehalls bombed, prisoners executed by guillotine or intimidated by blowtorch.

It is not a pretty picture. But compared to recent movies about Northern Pontecorvo is notably evenhanded about his warring parties. His heart is with the Algerian people, but he ac-cords French colonials their degree of humanity, particu-larly Colonel Mathieu, the coolly intelligent paratroop leader bent on destroying the

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George Clooney is perfectly cast. His Caped Crusader has strength and sensitivity.

Sarah Crook, 18: A rather disappointing effort from this all-star cast. It was more special effects than plot greater emphasis was needed

on camp gags.

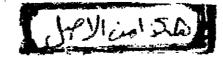
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Thurman arrived on screen, my temperature soared. This fourth instalment in the Batman series is by far the best.

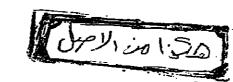
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Deafener of the faith

Entertainment, PG, 1997 PEASANT girl gets rich and powerful and then, poor thing, she dies. Madonna sings with gusto, but no character really interacts with another: they declaim to the camera, or. more precisely, mime to the thunderous soundtrack. It will take a hardened fan of Lloyd Webber's show - and there are plenty. I know - to survive more than two hours of noisy mediocrity, and hob-nailed direction from Alan Parker.

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NEWLY in the public eye with the show Damn Yankees and Eddie Murphy's remake of The Nutty Professor, Jerry Lewis is now awarded a video promotion. Four films from the 1960s are available, includ**NEW ON VIDEO: Madonna blasts** away as Evita; 1960s reissues find

Jerry Lewis in fine face-pulling form

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■ HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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them to dinner: "Come on,

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■ SLEEPER

MGM/UA, U, 1973 LATER Woody Allen films have many pleasures, but they cannot capture the innocent abandon of earlier efforts, like this sparkling sci-fi romp. There's a wisp of plot, gags galore, inventive visual jokes (Woody as a robot, the kid-

napped nose), great futuristic designs, and a driving ragtime score (with Allen on clarinet). Seven other vintage films, including Bananas, Zelig and his serious drama, Interiors, are newly available, all with original trailers.

■ SURVIVING PICASSO Warner, 15, 1996

HE MAY not have a Spanish accent, but Anthony Hopkins manages a fair visual impression of the painter. Not that James Ivory's film spends much time with canvas and brush: this is about Picasso the womaniser and the tangle of wives and mistresses. The man's bumptious caperings are off-putting, but there is none of the arid air that sometimes infects Merchant-lvory films. Available to rent.

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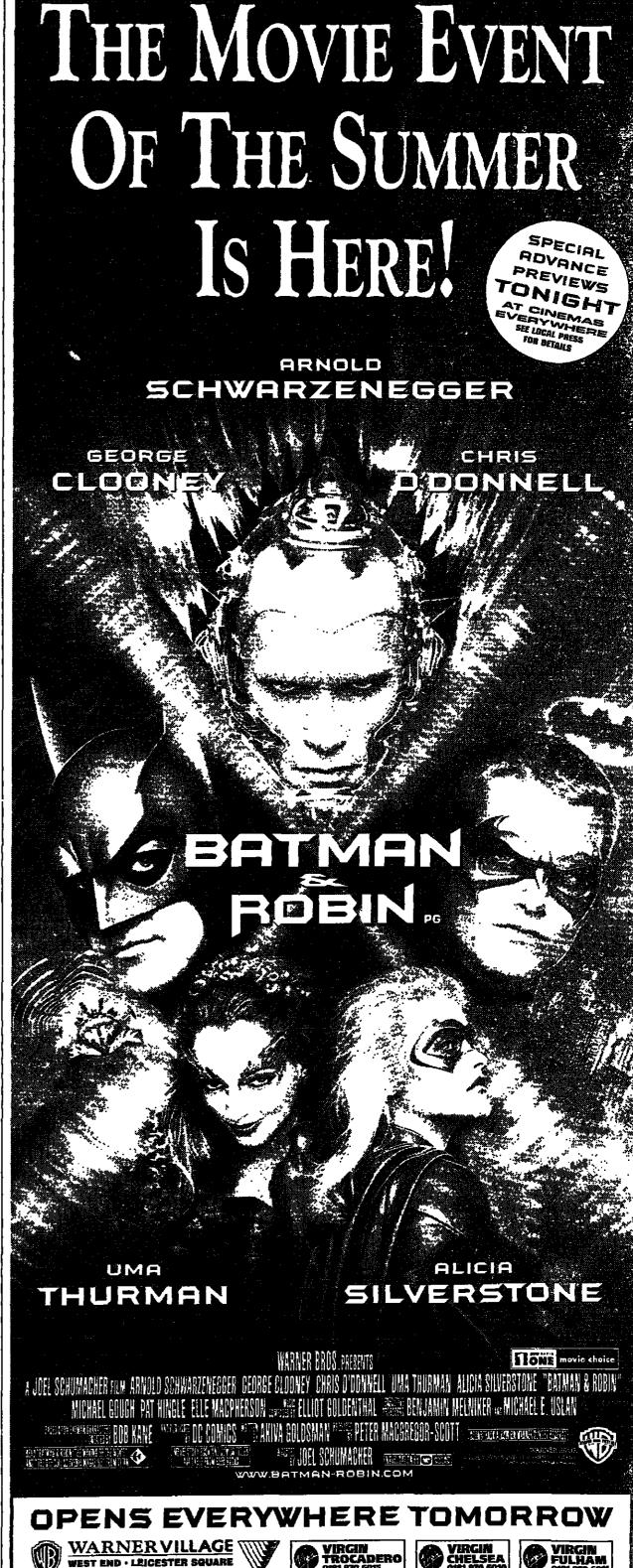
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But OTSL's out-on-a-limb obstinacy still seems to be paying off: it plays to packed houses and receives loyal financial support from the local Great and Good, who in a less sane world might be tempted to support something ritzier and more fashionably "international". But I can only say that sitting in a 900-seat theatre with an audience that is actually listening to words and reacting to them as they are sung is becoming an increasingly rare pleasure in

the operatic world.

It would be easy for a crabbed old critic to pick holes in last week's performances of Cosi fan tutte and Madama Butterfly - and I may even do so - but in the context of the audience's palpable and communal involvement in each bar, each dramatic paragraph of the dramas as they unfolded, it would be irrelevant. This is opera restored to its first, basic principles, as treasur-

able as it is refreshing.

There is the added interest of OTSL's policy of engaging young singers on the threshold of their careers. Fifty-eight of the singers on the Met artists' roster this season have been through the portals of Saint Louis: Sylvia McNair, Kallen Esperian. Ashley Putnam, Jerry Hadley and Thomas Hampson are OTSL alumni: Christine Brewer, the Coliseum's sensational Ariadne a few weeks ago, is the local prima donna.

Star-spotters this year in-

summer festival in Lutyens's fine

vernacular-Byzantine pile, and this

As a reward for voicing the appeal

Humphrey Burton was allowed to

conduct the roistering curtain-raiser,

the overture to Ethel Sntyth's opera

The Wreckers. Burton clearly made

good use of the time he spent studying

Leonard Bernstein's little ways, for he

took confident control of the sea-storm.

and the woodwind principals of the

Covent Garden Chamber Orchestra

enjoyed their lovelorn solos.

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the opening of the Proms at St Jude's, Hampstead Garden Suburb's little

blessed with brightly burnished beautifully golden tone, sounds easy in every register, sings words - in this case Anne Ridler's — as if they mean something, and was at once relaxed and intense in groups on stage, though, were

stantly lighted upon Gregory

Turay, the 24-year-old tenor

who sang the title role in

Monteverdi's Orfeo. He is

Colin Graham's smoothly flowing production.

Take a letter: from left, Matthew Lord, James Butler and Richard Drews with Sheri

Greenawald as Anne Sexton in the consistently engaging Transformations

The conductor was Anthony Rolfe Johnson, making his professional debut in this guise. The Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra may not have sounded totally at home in this music but they had a jolly good go; the two continuo

as authenic as could be, and Rolfe Johnson gave his fine singers plenty of room to phrase with maximum expressiveness without impeding the drama's natural flow. The evening ended with a genuine coup: Rolfe Johnson emerged from the pit in the guise of Apollo to comfort his disconsotenor pointing a young col-league towards the future. It was incredibly moving. OTSL is also committed to

immortality - an experienced

new and American opera - it has given 12 world premieres in its 20-year history — and this year revived Conrad Susa's Transformations (1973). This chamber-opera setting for eight voices and seven instrumentalists of Anne Sexton's mordant poemsdrawn from Grimm fairy tales has been much revived in the US, and was given here by Colin Graham's English Music Theatre in 1978. The score, using and transforming popular idioms — football songs, dance rhythms, blues, even barbershop quartets - is consistently engaging, and Sexton's verses are sardonical-

ly unsettling.
One soloist has to stand out from the ensemble: the Sexton-Mother-Witch character, here entrancingly well sung and played by Sheri Greenawald, whether balefully smoking at her typewriter or sitting beetlebrowed in thought in her rocker. I found Keith Warner's production a little over-busy, and the cast was not quite agile enough for the demands. made by Ron Howell's choreography. But it's a beautifully crafted music-theatre work, and should be further investigated by smaller companies this side of the pond.

For the rest, Cosi couldn't quite survive Richard Bradshaw's dull conducting: I felt that the whole cast could have sung far better with some encouragement from the pit. The audience responded gratefully to Andrew Porter's exemplary translation, as indeed they did to Margaret Stearns's wonderfully fresh version of Butterfly, again, no great singing but living drama - and it does make a difference, sitting through this piece with an American audience.

RODNEY MILNES

late son with promises of There was a tea-urn in the marquee, sandwiches on the lawn, and a word or two from the lawn, and a

Owain Arwel Hughes took over the opening as Baby arrives in the world, baton for the rest of the evening. The music of Erich Korngold, in this his centenary year, is well represented in the festival. The Piano Quintet receives its second UK performance tonight, and on Monday we were treated to the UK premiere of his early Baby Serenade. This irresistible five-movement work was written while Korngold was still living in Austria, in honour of the birth of his second son. But Vienna, prophetically, already meets Hollywood (whither the composer was to

before a lullaby worthy of Richard Strauss, a Scherzino paying tribute to Johann, and an Epilogue in which the child sings himself to sleep with a brew of German folk songs.

The CGCO, which adopted a robust approach to the work's audacious meshing of styles, was joined by Robert Max for an equally accomplished account of Korngold's angst-ridden Cello Concerto in C of 1946, the first of the abstract works he began to write once more after the film scores of the emigrate) in the exuberant, jazzy war years. Max's eloquent performance should certainly help to rein-

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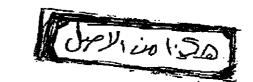
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Glorious singing to raise a roof

OF MORE than 150 museums dedicated to individual composers throughout Europe. lew are to be found in England, and none is in London. Hence the interest in creating a Handel House in the Mayfair dwelling — at 25. Brook Street — where he lived for more than 30 years. This performance of Handel's last oratorio, Jephtha, was mounted in aid of the Handel House Trust, with the highest ticket prices reflecting the charitable

nature of the event. Westminster Abbey was pretty well full, although those seated outside the central core experienced little more than a wash of sound, albeit a glorious noise. It is worth remembering that Handel's oratorios were originally performed in theatres, where the impact would undoubtedly have been more immediate, especially as regards the audibility of the

In a fascinating essay in the programme book, Ruth Smith summarised the ways in which the audience of Handel's day would have responded to the Reverend Thomas Morell's libretto, and the concerns that lay behind his adaptation of the story of the Israelite leader who sacrifices his only daughter's life through a rash promise to an apparently unforgiving God.

Morell's moderately happy ending" scenario (lphis, the daughter, is not condemned to death but to perpetual virginity) creates problems of credibility which could have seriously undermined the drama of the oratorio were it not for the strength of Handel's music, particularly the imCONCERTS

Jephtha Westminster Abbey

pressive. unpredictable

The title role was taken by the tenor Nigel Robson, who has already sung it many times for John Eliot Gardiner. He has evolved his own, very individual interpretation which is never less than unsettling and often memorable for its insight into the equivocal character of

Jenhtha. Robson's rendition of the celebrated accompanied recitative. Deeper and deeper still, was dramatically powerful; indeed, rhetoric was all, sometimes creating problems of ensemble, sometimes covering technical limitations, but eply compelling. Robson was supported by

highly polished playing from the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, the well-disci-plined Abbey choir and a starry team of soloists, all of whom brought almost equally strong interpretations to bear on their roles. Emma Kirkby was a fresh-voiced but increasingly wise and serious Iphis, Della Jones a too often chesty but nevertheless appropriately intense Storge and David Wilson-Johnson a vocally authoritative Zebul. Michael Chance, as Hamor, phrased exquisitely. Martin Neary was clearly most at ease with the choir at full pelt in those remarkable choruses.

TESS KNIGHTON

Kindred spirits

IN THE first of two programmes for the City of London Festival, Augustin Dumay and the Portugueseborn Maria Joao Pires were a character. They were perhaps at their best in the final work. an account of Beethoven's often startling Violin Sonata On 30 No 2, that found them responsive to one another on equal terms - even if Beethoven did call it a Sonata for Piano and Violin, rather than

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the other way around. They plunged into a vehement and passionate account of the opening movement, as if concerned for us to know that the composer was here exploring new territory. Rhythmic stresses, at first peremptory, became warmly expressive in the Adagio, and then a literally off-beat stimulus in the Scherzo. The finale was forcefully driven, but always imbued with a sense of purpose and a spirit of exhilaration.

In the warmth and elegance of this ancient livery hall, a perfect dimension for chamber music, the pianist is able to

Dumay/Pires

ful and the violinist made much of his clear articulation. All the more unexpected, then, that Debussy's Sonata earlier in the programme should have sounded strangely cursory, without taking enough account of the music's rapidly shifting moods and fragility of

At the outset, though, the Three Romances, Op 94, of Schumann found the performers in ideal rapport to realise the music's eloquent feeling, in a gentle association of easeful violin and beautifully shaded plano. The Second Romance came across as a song without words rising to a passionate proclamation and then reverting to the opening. And, for good measure, there was Ravel's Tzigane to display a spirited virtuosity before the

interval was taken.

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audience.
Serious Games looks set to

interactive art and art generated by computers and by virtual reality - principally that they make us rethink what art is all about. Serious Games has picked the best of the artists working in these new media, and it becomes

ideas, beauty and magic. This exhibition is not just for computer whizzes: there are clear instructions on how to use computer mice and trackballs to make the art happen. Indigestion by Diller and Scofidio uses video projection on to a flat table-top to create a dinner party for two where the host first blackmails and then poisons the guest.

class masculine woman, for instance, sitting opposite a high-class effeminate man engage in subtly different verbal sparring from other combinations and permutations. It's ingenious, if finally stultifying - but then, that's life.

ill Seaman's triple video projection on to a long black wall invites you to highlight words and then click on them, which in turn prompts new video images (of urban landscapes and of a couple). The idea is to make a poem from assemblages of words. The problem is that the mind moves faster than this technology, and a very slow poem made by you with somebody else's words is frustrating. In contrast, making music with Resonance of 4 by Toshio Iwai

tact is not enough. High ton and listening to how they boards projected on to the down the scale. The idea is to end up with four-part harmony, if your fellow visitors are so inclined.

> Rehearsal of Memory. made by the British artist Harwood in collaboration with patients of Ashworth Mental Hospital, is the most thoughtful work here. Images of the patients' naked bodies, made by pressing up against digital scanners and then prooverlaid with single words like prongs", or tattoos such as a skeletal Old Father Time.

stories of self-inflicted wounds. Clicking on a word, scar or tattoo triggers new stories, and the sounds of the voices mingle with those of water, heartbeats and of a shutter sliding violently in a

The one virtual reality work, Osmose by Char Davies, is likely to be the favourite "game" in the show. Putting on a special helmet and a pads controlled by breathing in or out, you enter a virtual

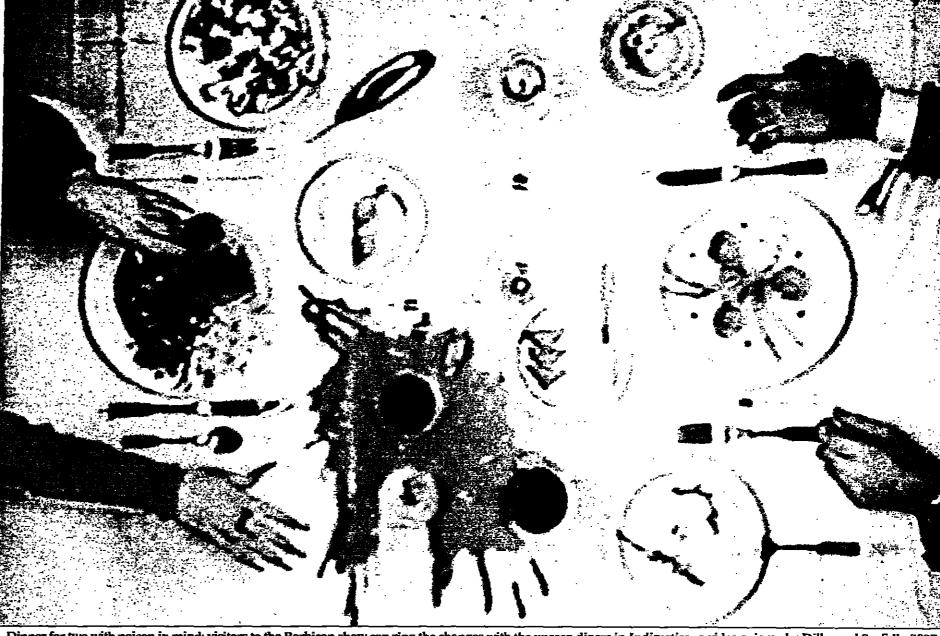
3-D world. Inspired by scuba

diving, the sensation is like flying, or falling through water in shimmering, crystalline surroundings. First engulfed in oak leaves, you drift down past a bare tree to a forest floor o men urrougn it, so ma looking up you see roots, pass streams of fireflies and then down again between huge panels of illuminated words. Virtual reality worlds created by artists have become far more sophisticated in the last few years. This one may still look coude, but achieves a

• Serious Games (in collaboration with the Laing Art Gallery, Newcastle) is at the Burbican Art Gallery until Aug 17. To book for a session of Osmose telephone 0171-638 8891

suspension of disbelief that is

literally transporting.



Dinner for two with poison in mind: visitors to the Barbican show can ring the changes with the unseen diners in Indigestion, a video enigma by Diller and Scofidio (1995)

Games with a magic edge ast autumn the Barbi-can Art Gallery VISUAL ART: Of mice, men and machines — Isabel Carlisle on a show mounted an exhibi at the Barbican that plays ingenious tricks with computers and reality

tion which went largely unreviewed in the national press. As a kaleidoscope of the culture Jam was hard to pin down, but immensely popular of 40,000 visitors, 68 per cent were aged 15 to 24. Not so much an exhibition as an event, it pulled together fashion (including Alexander McQueen), club music, design in all its computer-age manifestations, and magazines such as The Face and i-D. Jam was about a scene on the move, retaining its subversiveness by being one jump ahead of the talent-hungry corporate giants, and it put the Barbican on the map for a new, young

null the Jam crowd back in. It takes us into another rapidly developing cutting-edge world, this time of art, interaction and technology. It is both the limitation and the excitement of these works that they come into being only through NOEL GOODWIN | human intervention; eye con-

clear that the most successful are those who deliver what human beings have always wanted from art: insight,

Only arms, hands and food are visible. The game is to change around the character stereotypes by pressing a butsquares in the lour chequer

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CHANGING TIMES

THEATRE: In Leeds, 17th-century French comedy updated; a Peter Moffat premiere in Croydon

Malade imaginaire last year, in a fresh translation by Edward Kemp, the production appeared to have moved rather ponderously until the interval energised cast and This, as it happened, occ-

urred at the theatre bar, not through judicious spiking of the drinks, but because the director, Toby Jones, whirled his actors through a performance of an early Molière comedy on a similar theme, spoken at lightning speed in ridiculously basic French. After that the second half of the main production whizzed past, and everyone had a good

Unfortunately for Jones's new production of Don Juan. no equivalent early treatment of the Lothario theme has survived in Molière's bottom drawer. And so the interval in Don Juan is occupied in the customary manner. leaving the story of the Don to fizzle out without a life-saving fillip.

A procession of visitors interrupts his preparation for supper with undramatic exaltations to mend his ways, and

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Molière à la mode

Don Juan West Yorkshire Playhouse, Leeds

when he is finally carried off. ways unmended, by figures from a Mexican Day of the Dead procession, it is impossible to care, one way or the other. The episode of the poor man who won't be bribed to blaspheme succeeds in a tenth of the time that the other

scenes take to fail. Kemp has relocated the story to some early 20thcentury, Latin American province which Angela Davies's arresting set makes into the last outpost of the civilised world. Against a turquoise sky, an isolated house tilts

backwards against the raised

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Hauled forward and opened out, it becomes the room of an inn; strapped up like a parcel it can be shoved to the back of

And yet, interesting object though it is, and the excuse for jokey scene-changing, the quaintness creates a further impediment to the successful revival of such an archaic and ramshackle play. To place it in the homeland of magic realism is like icing a cake that is already iced: the Don's credo is realist, the nodding statue clearly magic, and for a few hours we are ready to embrace both.

and against Heaven, Hell and the like can never work in a production where trousers have replaced buckle shoes and breeches. And so the response of Martin Marquez's suavely handsome Don to Sganarelle - a comically fawning performance by Patrick Brennan - is to rely on expressions of scorn, reserving passion for his tirade against, but somehow for,

The juvenile arguments for

hypocrisy. What the Jones / Kemp partnership does best is the idiotic lingo for the peasant scenes, an alliterative mishmash of kids' talk and cod Spanish, which is all the funnier for being spoken as if it is the proper way to talk. Contrast this with the over-extended chase sequence accompanied by enough gunshots to settle a medium-sized revolution.

JEREMY KINGSTON sort of incestuous revelation.

Poet cornered

stews in his old leather armchair. The trappings of privilege hang about his neck like an albatross. This is Raymond Apple, a romantic poet who inflicts his tortured thoughts that doubtful pleasure. on his doting wife, Sophie, in a barely coherent mumble. The Second World War rumbles beyond his reach, beyond his bility to land a commission. When Peter Kramer, a Ger-

A YOUNG writer sits and

man deserter, turns up bearing a copy of Raymond's poems, the mood of Peter Moffat's new but strangely mouldy play lifts, slightly. Sophie exposes Frank Kovaks's sensitive German to something blue in her garden. delphiniums. Kramer duly falls in love, and Robert Reynolds's Raymond looks on and applauds.

Let's leave that scenario and move 50 years forward. Here son William takes up where Raymond left off. He sits in the same armchair, aged 60 going on 98, while an obnoxious American biographer tries to pry the feeble tragedy of his father's life from a single poem. To say it gets more exciting than this would be overdoing it. We never hear the poem. The American journalist, played with charmless persistence by Jan Waters, tells us that her mother died in Auschwitz. Ted Craig's production seems to be crawling inch by inch towards some

Warehouse, Croydon But Moffat deprives us of even

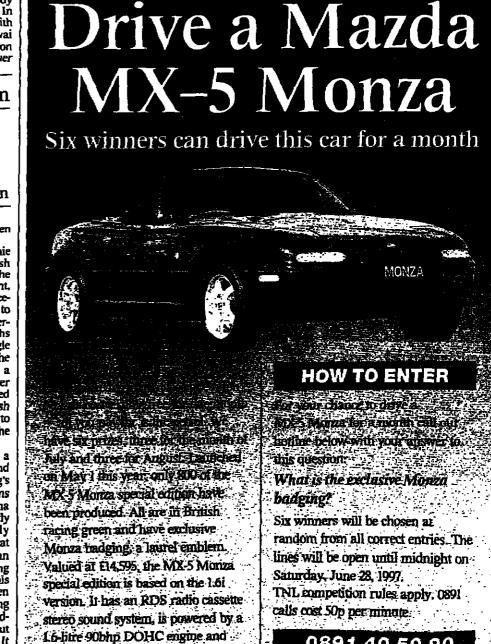
The Blue Garden

Occasionally, when Sophie speaks from behind a mesh screen, we get a sense of the past intruding on the present, giving the stilted William scenario a spin which it fails to take advantage of. The interest in how the small truths about the Apple love triangle are misinterpreted by the present is upstaged by a morbid fascination in whether Chris Matthew's repressed William and Waters's brash journalist are ever going to have a tumble in the delphiniums.

As the only one who gets a look in on both past and present, Amanda Mealing's self-possessed Sophie remains as inscrutable as the Mona Lisa. She smiles distantly throughout, presumably smug in the knowledge that she has better lines to say than anyone else. But extracting anything beautiful from this compost proves too much even for her. "He went out cawing and flapping like a smashed in crow," says Sophie about her husband's last sighting. It must have been for fish and

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Looking forward, looking back

n early 1946 George Kitson, head of the Foreign Office's China Department and a man of imagination, wrote a 14 page position paper for the Cabinet on Hong Kong.

"Supposing the Chinese had taken [the Isle of Wight] against our will 100 years ago and covered it with pagodas, etc., and developed it by means which they had invented and we had not learned to use, doing all this for their own purposes, although talking a great deal about the material advantages to the United Kingdom and all the time emphasising the value of this haven of good government. a protection against insecurity, in the Isle of Wight. Even if they had created a heaven on earth in that small island we should have only one feeling about it. We should

Yes. Yet later that same year Mao Zedong said: "I am not interested in Hong Kong; the Communist Party is not interested in Hong Kong: it has never been the subject of any discussion amongst us." But Mao added: Perhaps 10, 20 or 30 years hence we may ask for a discussion regarding its return ... Thirty-three years later, in 1979, as Mr Tsang records, Sir Murray MacLehose, then Hong Kong's Governor, asked a seemingly innocent question about the renewal of New Territories commercial leases and startled Deng Xiaoping into considering Hong Kong's retrocession. This story, long-since confirmed by others in the room and only a few weeks ago by a senior Chinese official, gives the impression that the Chinese might have left the city alone for some undetermined period: I suspect this is unfair to Lord MacLehose

say that because of the brilliant title and its underlying concept of Mr Tsang's excellent book. (He has been the director of Oxford's Hong Kong project for more than ten years.) Since 1841 bits of Hong Kong had been ripped from China by force. But its greatest part, the New Territories, came into the Empire in the 1898 leasehold, foreshadowing the handover this July 1. When the British acquired the New Territories in 1898." Mr Tsang writes, "they also unwittingly made an appointment with China over the future of Hong Kong as a whole."
Throughout the 20th century.

Mr Tsang observes, the relative power of Britain and China slowly reversed: the turning point may Japanese occupation of Hong Kong in 1941. The myth of white superiority vanished and even long-time champions of imperialism like Leo Amory at the India Office wondered if the Empire was finished. British officials in China were confronted by Chiang Kaishek about the future of Hong Kong. But Chiang had to save himself from the Communists when the war ended and Hong Kong went to the back of the nationalist burner.

At first the Communists too, as seen in Mao's underplaying of Hong Kong's importance, concentrated on making their revolution. But by the late Seventies, as Mr. Tsang shows, an irony of their post-Mao openness to the world was their growing determination

Jonathan Mirsky on an examination of Hong Kong's Chinese future and a recollection of its British past

HONG KONG An Appointment with China By Steve Yui-sang Tsang I. B. Taurus, E10,95 ISBN 1860643116

HONG KONG

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to retrieve Hong Kong, Macau

All this Mr Tsang tells well, anchoring his text until the late Seventies on official documents. Then an odd thing happens: because he has interviewed 40 leading British figures of the last phase of Hong Kong history and stored their stories away in some Oxford vault not to be used for years, Mr Tsang pretends he has put what he knows first-hand out of his mind. Therefore he appears to depend on secondary accounts, especially for British-Chinese negotiations since 1980, which are very cagey about their sources;

this makes it possible for those involved to deny the accounts. But Mr Tsang also makes sensitive use of the published accounts of Sir Percy Cradock, who directed the crucial negotiations of 1982-84 and likes to describe his manoeuvres as "finesses", and Xu Jiatun. a key Peking official in Hong Kong in the same period, who later defected to California and like Sir Percy portrays himself as cunning and wise His contacts in the city of his

describe better than anyone heretofore in English the workings of the super-secret "Hong Kong and Macau Work Committee of the Communist Party in Hong Kong" with its high-ranking status in Peking, its State Security mechanism, and its tentacles reaching into banking, commerce and united front organisatons. (Hong Kong Government officials, including Governor Chris Patten, declined even to confirm, until last week, that this apparatus exists.)
One pities men like Sir Percy as
they confronted Chinese players in Beijing and Hong Kong who not only held all the cards but had

birth also enable Mr Tsang to

Like Steve Tsang and his forced been for anybody."

Mr Tsang has no illusions about Beijing's lack of understanding of what makes Hong Kong work, its suspicion and hatred of the colony's democrats, and of its intention to meddle. At least three of Chief Executivedesignate's Tung Chee-hwa's closest advisers are party members, he surmises. (Local Communist Party members bear this out.) But he is very hard too on Martin Lee, Hong Kong's much-admired democratic leader, for fanning Beijing's fear of subversion in Hong Kong, and is even harder on Governor Patten. The Gover-nor's modest democratic legislation, which Mr Tsang says Mr Patten imagined Beijing would grudgingly accept instead of totally reversing, "turned out to be as clever as waving a red flag at a bull one is trying to induce to leave a china shop".

Mr Tsang's conclusion is slightly modified gloom: in July, he contends, there will be an arranged marriage. The bride is miserable and her husband a bully. "It may be unrealistic for the wife to hope that her married life will be 'happy ever after', but it does not need to end in utter

Hong Kong Remembers is a potentially ghastly book, the kind with gag-making memories of the hazily recalled Raj. This one, however, by two long-term expa-triates, is quite wonderful, stuffed with revealing interviews with Hong Kong people, Chinese and British, with long memories indeed, but far from rosy ones. There is one with a New Territo-ries villager who fought the Japa-nese, joined the party, served as a minor official in north China for 30 years, and now lives in retirement in his native place, where he insists "Why should I be British? I was born in Hong Kong: I am Chinese. So is Hong Kong.'

The best of the interviews

— the ones with past Governors and with Mr Patten are unrevealing, assured, and conflicting — is with Anna Wu, a well-known lawyer and ex-member of the Legislative Council. Mis Wu, for years a celebrated fighter for civil rights, says the colonial government would not tolerate a different point of view which might endanger its power and authority". The authorities, she says, formed a ecret committee, which included Special Branch, to maintain surveillance of admirable people like nerself and her husband, the journalist Frank Ching. (The Security Branch now claims its records of this repulsive practice were scrapped.) One "disastrous" result of the colonial government's fear of democrats and its efforts to suppress them, says Ms Wu, is that after the handover Beijing will insist it is doing nothing the British didn't do. An additional disaster, she says, is that there exists no firmly established "stable and mature alternative to British colonial rule".

marriage, Ms Wu feels bad about the future: "You suddenly reach a dead end, and that's how I've felt for a long time ... A political career has simply not been an option in Hong Kong. It has never



Rough and ready to go

Travelling in China is often not much fun. Recently firstnese airline were handed economyclass food trays, then later saw the stewardesses scoffing what was clearly their first-class food. When questioned, one hostess replied haughtily: "We should have better

food - after all, we're working. And given how difficult it is to do anything in China, it is often easiest to book a package tour. Yet package tourists follow a tightly supervised schedule which isolates them from the population. None of this is to say that China is not worth visiting. The individual traveller faces all sorts of frustrations, but every time one is about to give up on China something positive happens that makes it all seem worthwhile. If you are not going to China on a enough to be cushioned from China's rigours, you need a guidebook. Independent-minded travellers are left with the Lonely Planet or the Rough Guide to China. Borders are open and visas are readily distributed, but the standard tourist "sights" - the Great

James Pringle

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Wall, the Forbidden City, the Terracotta Army - are few, considering the size of the country.

"Indeed," says the Rough Guide, "historic architecture is scant ... Chinese towns and cities lack that sense of history so palpable in the great cities of Europe or the Middle East. The Communists, like all dynasties before them, simply destroyed earlier showpieces."

The Rough Guide's introduction to Shanghai is especially pungent. Qingdao is on the mark: The water is like Chinese soup - murky and warm with unidentifiable things floating on it, so swimming is not recommended." But sometimes it misses. Thus Weihai (on the Shangdon coast) "has nothing to recommend it". On the contrary,

this former British concession. given up in 1930, is fascinating for British visitors, especially the is-land of Liugong, with its old British

And Wutai Shan, one of China's four Buddhist mountains, rewards the long bus journey there "with monks, fortune-tellers and pilgrims outnumbering tourists, with a peaceful spiritual tone". When this traveller was there last year Wutai Shan was an inferno of karaoke clubs. It was difficult to find much that was spiritual.

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But, when the Rough Guide comes to Tibet, it tells it like it is. Tibet is a "sad and subjugated colony of China". Tibet's past "has been tragic, its present is painful and the future looks bleak". Yet it rounds out the overall scene by adding: "Many of the Chinese who have come to Tibet are poor people trying to make a life for themselves and their families. They may have little knowledge of the wider political implications of their presence here." True, and in this kind of comment the Rough Guide fulfils its promise of presenting China in its contemporary context.

Red badge of courage

The Cultural Revolution did not just shape a generation of and seared their minds, shattering millions of families and implanting a cynicism about authority that not even the horrors of civil war, foreign occupation or the famines inflicted by Mao Zedong's Great Leap Forward had aroused.

No two testimonies of this tumult and its consequences could be more different than those of Rae Yang and Wei Jingsheng. Yang's Spider Eat-Press, £20.95; ISBN 0 520 20480 8) is a depressing journey to disillusion; Wei's, The Courage to Stand Atone (Viking. £16.99; ISBN 0.67087249 (i), is a pungent and unfailingly brave celebration of what he calls "the depth, force, and enduring tradition of humanism in Chinese culture".

The title Yang gives to her memoir is taken from the saving of Lu Xun that history owes a debt to those who, by enting poisonous spiders. "died so that now we know bener. Bitterness is her theme. Despite the faux naif style, there is a riveting directness about her account of what made of her a pitiless young Red Guard capable of beating class enemies half to death, and how she gradually realised to what point she and other educated voungsters had been duped, exploited and

would not have left China in 1981, "had not Deng Xianping not shut down Democracy Wall [and] arrested Wei Jing-

sheng". It is typical of Wei Jingsheng that he can find something positive to say even about the Cultural Revolution. Whatever those chaotic and cruel years cost his generation, he writes, "we made up



Wei Jingsheng: unbroken

for it in mental experience". Personal bitterness is absent from this remarkable, painful and ultimately exhibarating book. Wei, who probably does not even know of the publication of this collection, had no opportunity to choose the book's title. But if he had, it would probably have spoken not about his own struggle,

but of his hopes for China. That hope should survive what he has endured is extraordinary. His health broken by appalling ill-treatment, this man of 47 is back in solitary confinement at the Nanpu New Life Salt Works. due for release only in 2009. He has already served near-

In the junk harbour at Aberdeen, southwest Hong Kong, 1952

ly 15 years in prisons and labour camps for the "crime" of declaring, in his famous poster on Democracy Wall in 1978, reproduced here, that Deng Xiaoping's "Four Mo-dernisations" would fail to transform China without a "fifth modernisation", democracy. For democracy, he wrote a decade later from prison. was the most powerful tool against corruption and the abuse of power, more iron than an iron fist".

Courageous work has been written from solitary confine-ment, but rarely is it mixed with such unquenchable engagement with the outside world. The theme of these missives is the grand theme of China today: it is that the "social upheaval" which both China's leaders and its people fear begins with confused thinking, and confused thinking stems from unreasonable behaviour on the part of those in power". In saying the unsayable, he has broken no written Chinese law; but he has broken every unwritten one in the book. It is China's tragedy that this is precisely why he has again been silenced by nervous authority.

this time perhaps until death. ROSEMARY RIGHTER

The size, the strangeness and the growing strength of China fascinate the outside world. Fascinate, confuse and alarm. Serious observers now write about the coming threat from China; and even the less apocalyptic reporting on the country in the Western media tends to be partial and emotional. The fact that this is the last great surviving Commu-

tion, but hardly sufficient. In such a situation, objective analysis of what the Chinese are up to becomes essential; and the book by Andrew Nathan and Robert Ross meets the need exactly. This is a dispassionate survey of Chinese foreign policy, which sees China engaged, like any other state. in the pursuit of national interest and security. This is right, for, apart from a lew hysterical years under Mao. China's external policy has

been a model of realpolitik. The authors acknowledge China's strengths, but, unusually, also examine China's weaknesses: a vast, poor population, growing too fast: a shortage of good agricultural land; long, not easily defensible borders; powerful and unreliable neighbours; continuing technological backwardness and, in consequence, relative military inadequacy. The Chinese Air Force, for example, is apparently inferior in quality even to Taiwan's and the technological gap is widening rather than diminishing. In the past a sense of vulnerability has often com-

guide than hope

pelled China to resort to stratagems that conveyed the illusion that it was stronger than it really was. Today it faces hard choices if it is to come to terms with an international order dominated by the United States.

Nathan and Ross rightly see the current task for the West as the peaceful assimilation of China in that international order. They prescribe a cautious approach, a judicious mixture of accommodation. persuasion and resistance. In their view, the old Cold War with China in the Fifties may have been unavoidable: but a new Cold War would be an immense error.

Wise advice, but it does demand a detachment and consistency in policy rarely forthcoming in Western demo-cratic life. The Sino-US relationship lies at the heart of the problem. United States policy on China is constantly buffeted by cross-winds: domestic pressures: the American disposition to moralise; above all. Congress. What is worse. under weaker leadership on the Chinese side, the strategic quality which has hitherto marked their approach may prove to be lacking. The moral of the book is the need for detached, consistent, unpolitiPercy Cradock

Experience a better

THE GREAT WALL AND THE EMPTY **FORTRESS** China's Search for Security

By Andrew J. Nathan and Robert S. Ross ISBN 0393040763 THE LEGACY OF TIANANMEN China in Disarray

The University of Michigan Press, £13.95 ISBN 0-472 10731 3 cised thinking and practice in foreign policy. Professionals will devoutly agree; but the politicians do not always

By James Miles

Two small corrections: China's population is not "ethnically diverse": 95 per cent are Han Chinese. It is misleading to say that Britain and China held talks over Hong Kong without representation of the residents of Hong Kong". The Governor and his political adviser were leading members of the delegation; and the Governor's Executive Council. drawn from local residents, were privy to every move.

Chinese domestic scene. He was the BBC's correspondent in Beijing from 1988 to 1994; and his judgment is inevitably coloured by his experience of Tiananmen in June 1989. He gives a good account of the aftermath. He goes on to describe Deng Xiaoping's visit to southern China in 1992. which gave a new impetus to economic reform, and gives a vivid picture of the many unlovely features of the divided. acquisitive society which reform and the "socialist market economy" have brought about: the growing inequal-ities, the endemic corruption. the peasant discontents, the folk migrations from the land to the cities, the troubles of the

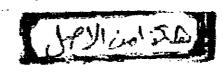
loss-making state enterprises. As his subtitle indicates, Miles thinks things cannot hold together under such strains and, like many Western reporters, he sees judgment day for the Communist regime as coinciding with the death of Deng Xiaoping. Deng's death is likely to lift the lid on this cauldron of discontent." The trouble is we have since lived through judgment day almost without noticing it, and China goes on

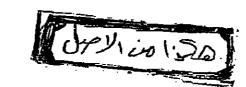
This is not to deny the tensions below the surface of Chinese life, or the problems facing the Chinese leaders as they strive to direct a vast country in a state of change. But there are clearly positive factors at work: among them. rising living standards, a widespread fear of instability. a deep sense of national pride. They should have been narrower focus, about the brought into the equation. Whatever we may think of the present regime, it would be prudent to assume it will be around for some time. Hopes and wishes are not the best guides.

In his Advancement of Learning, Francis Bacon, reflecting on the political analysts of his day, commended the Italian school, because they wrote of what men do. not what they ought to do". Nathan and Ross clearly belong to the first category; Miles has strong leanings to the second. Nathan and Ross have the advantage.

Sir Percy Cradock was Ambassador to China from 1978-84 and the Prime Minister's foreign policy adviser from 1984 to 1992. His book, Experiences of China, was published in 1994.

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Ian McIntyre makes his way through an exhaustive biography of Anton Chekhov, whose letters reveal an uninhibited spirit

the surface at least a particularly eventful one. Chekhov was born in Taganrog, on the Sea of Azov. The families of both parents had bought their way from serfdom into the merchant class. By the time he qualified as a doctor in 1884, he was already well-known for his short stories, and he was taken up by the press baron Suvorin, who owned the pro-government Novoe vremya, then

Russia's largest daily paper.
He travelled to Sakhalin, the Russian Botany Bay, and published an investiga-tion of convict life, together with Tulstoy and Gorky, he came to be regarded as the conscience of the nation. He bought an estate, quarrelled with Suvorin over Dreyfus, turned his mind increasingly to the thearre.

Petersburg audiences could be rough, and had been known to pelt the cast with apples, binoculars and galoshes. The first night of The Seagull was a disaster. "If I live another 700 years," he said, "I won't let the theatre have another play." The foundation of the Moscow Art Theatre in 1898 changed all that. The play was triumphantly revived, and in the six years that were left to him. Chekhov

The doctor and the details

ANTON CHEKHOV A Life By Donald Rayfield HarperCollins, E25 ISBN 0 002 55503 4

produced the three other masterpieces of

his maturity. He lived for most of his life with his parents, with a possessive sister and with various more or less delinquent brothers; there was a long succession of mistresses. and a late and fur from idyllic marriage to the actress Olga Knipper. When he died in Germany in 1904, the body was sent home in a refrigerated raikar. Gorky was indignant. "Anton who squirmed at anything vile and vulgar," he wrote to his wife, "was brought in a car 'for transporting fresh oysters." A crowd of 4,000 marched to the Novodevichy cemetery. People climbed trees and broke crosses in the fight for a

burst into tears and cursed them: "And he lived for these bastards," he cried.

In some ways Che-

khov's life resembled one of his own plays not much of a plot, lots of atmosphere, plenty of cameo roles for character actors. When he bought his mother false teeth in Petersburg, she re-fused to wear them because they had been made on the 13th of the month. When his father

found a rat in a barrel of olive oil he was "too honest to say nothing, too mean to pour the oil away, too lazy to boil and refilter it". Father Pokrovsky was called in to conduct a service of consecration.



round the local brothels. In Yalta we encounter the dentist Ostrovsky, who deserts Chekhov in midoperation for his duties in the Jewish cemetery. In Blagoveshchensk there is a

burg editor Nikolai

Leikin, squat and hairy, who hung his

Christmas tree with

raw meat for his two

hounds, and the chief

of police at Tomsk

who took Chekhov

who impresses Chekhov by her lack of coyness and her professional skill: "You feel you are not having intercourse," he wrote to Suvorin. "but taking part in a top level equitation

impressively exhaustive. In the Russian State Library there are 7,000 letters addressed to Chekhov, half of which have never been referred to in print. Almost 5,000 of his own letters are in the public domain, although a 1968 Central Committee resolution forbade the publi-

ayfield has not felt bound by the Soviet (and Russian) convention of not "discrediting or vulgarising". but the restoration of previously bowdlerised passages in the correspondence does not hugely modify our picture of Chekhov. Most of them are simply uninhibited references to bodily Japanese prostitute, function or to sexual performance. "I have haemorrhoids, awful, like grapes, growing in bunches from my behind, he tells his friend Franz Schechtel. When Leikin writes boastfully of his potency as both man and editor, Chekhov observes drily: "A penis that smashes walnuts as a

cation of certain passages.

measure of editorial ability could be a fine theme for a dissertation."

Rayfield himself has a good surdonic eye, and I frequently wished he had spared us some of the detail and let us hear more of his own voice. He describes schoolmaster whose punishments included strapping hoys to a stepladder to be spat at by the class. The lees, however, were modest," Rayfield adds, and the boys needed no uniform." He also has a good line in end-notes (I was sorry they were not foomotes) - "Koumiss is fermented mare's milk: it tastes like a mixture of champagne, chalk and rancid butter."

"All biography is fiction," Rayfield asserts, "but liction that has to lit the documented facts." It is not a formula he observes. Rather does he pile up nuggets of information like skulls and bones in some vast, chronologically ordered charnel-house. He contends that to write a full biography would take a lifetime longer than Chekhov's own. That would be to pursue a will of the wisp. Inside this fat new life there is a better book struggling to get out - less choked by detail, more varied in pace and characterised by more light and shade.

JULIO ETCHART, IMPACT

Truth far worse than fiction

Louis de Bernières abhors

the deadly trade that threatens

so many Colombians

lombia, in 1996. Marquez announced that not one single word of it was fiction. Furthermore, he stated that reporting was his favourite kind of work. Moreover, when it comes to reporting, Marquez is so scrupulous with the truth as to be quite oldfashioned; one of his earliest works, The Story Of A Shipwrecked Sailor, unearthed a truth so embarrassto the then dictatorship

ready to:

that Marquez got into considerable trouble, and the newspaper which had published it was closed down. I mention all this because the blurb on the English edition of News disingenuous-

ly makes it out to be a novel. (

am aware that Márquez's fiction sells far better than his non-fiction, but I do not think that it does a service Märquez himself for the publishers to flag this book as

something which Márquez explicitly states that it is not. Had he decided to write it as a novel, it would have been different.

Let us move on to the justified enthusiasm, however. The book has been admirably translated by Edith Grossman into excellently smooth English, although (and here I acknowledge my perversity) I would have preferred it rendered with more fidelity to the original Castilian word-order. which is more elegant, and I shudder when confronted by split infinitives on such a scale. Aficionados of Marquez's style will nonetheless be pleased by the recurrence of many of his favourite turns of phrase, and his love for words like apocalyptic", "prodigal" and "im-probable". His prose is satisfying and refreshing, as when he describes the presidential plane as "a decrepit

Fokker that flew only by the grace of God after almost 30 years of forced labour", or when he has somebody singing "... salsa, vallenatos, and bambucos all day at the top of her lungs and with the ear of an artilleryman ... ".

Good writing is not what is important here, however, because the book is about the "biblical holocaust that has been consuming Colombia for more than 20 years". Pablo Escobar, then head of the cartel in Medellin - "a city martyrised by violence" - had made so many enemies that he realised that he could only be safe, and continue to run his business, if he was in prison under the protection of the State The one obstacle to his surrender was that Colombia has an extradition agreement with the United States, where Escobar knew

that he would be **NEWS OF A** imprisoned for numerous con-KIDNAPPING secutive life-By Gabriel Garcia Márquez therefore Cape, £16.99 ISBN 0 224 05002 8 napped several well-known people, and

would not surrender them until he had guarantees of non-extradition. The book retells, with a most painstaking attention to the smallest detail, the story of their kidnapping and captivi-ty. One harmless old woman, Marina Montoya, is held for a

kid-

while, and then shot. There are, of course, lighter moments, as when President Gaviria remarks: "I was the only Colombian who didn't have a President to complain to," but on the whole it is hard to escape the feeling that Marquez has written this book in a mood of tightly suppressed rage. Mitigating episodes of heroism, defiance and love cannot, for example, pre-vent us from sharing with the author his angry astonishment at the superstitious religiosity of the assassins, who see no contradiction between awe-struck faith in the Virgin

Márquez's account exposes a biblical holocaust that has been consuming Colombia for more than 20 years: kids deal crack and glue on the streets of Medellin. 1989 and complete immorality. We learn of the teenage guards' extreme fatalism, all of them knowing that they will never grow old, most of them unhinged by alcohol, tedium, futility and cocaine. Escobar threatened to blow up the entire city of Cartagena, and Márquez, who normally leaves his moral judgments to one side, describes him as a man who had a "total inability to distinguish good from evil".

he narcotraffickers, because of their incalculable wealth, were able to corrupt and destroy the moral and social fabric of Colombia. They offered "silver or lead" (a bribe or a bullet), and Escobar in particular ran a campaign of terrorism that claimed tens of thousands. The book warns us all of what happens when fantastically easy money falls into the hands of megalomani-

acs without moral limits. Márquez is possibly the most respected man in Colombia, but he has been courageous in publishing this book. Now that the cartels are broken, the cocaine assassins are underemployed. They have linked up with terrorist and revolutionary organ-isations such as FARC, ELN and EPL, who are gradually taking up where the cartels left off, and also diversifying into poppies. There will, needless to say, never be a revolution, but these people have created

a tidy business out of applying the skills of their new recruits. Anyone who is even of modest means in Colombia now runs the risk of being kidnapped. and lives in terror. When I was given the Colombian edition by a friend of mine from Cali. she wrote in the front, with absolute seriousness; "Antes de que yo pueda tener una de estas experiencias . . . " [Before it happens to me . . . | She is no one in particular, but she has an armed bodyguard and is too frightened to go out for a

picnic in the country.

What I cannot understand is why Marquez has been so restrained in pointing out who is ultimately responsible for the tormenting of his beautiful and beloved country. Only in one paragraph does he mention it even in passing. The point is that no one would sell cocaine if no one was buying it. The United States will never legalise it, and so it is futile to argue that they should. Let me be explicit: Escobar became possible, countless thousands died horribly, an entire generation of urban teenage boys became assassins and died before they were 20, little girls were abducted from the countryside and gang-raped, because thoughtless, self-indulgent, decadent, overpaid Westerners think that taking cocaine makes parties more amusing. If you use cocaine, dear reader, you are by proxy

🐧 race Notes is a new departure for Bernard Mac Laverty. The protagonist is female (in Cal there was one major female character, in Lamb none at all): Catherine McKenna is a composer. The novel's first movement takes place in Northern Ireland, like most of Mac Laverty's writing; but the second is set in Scotland. And the chronology of Grace Notes is jarred, ending at its middle, while Mac Laverty's writing has tended towards straight-

forward narratives. The author's first new novel for 14 vears demands to be read carefully, just as modern music 'demands'' to be listened to, al-

though the chronology makes quirky reading first time through.

Music — a life experienced through music. Catherine Mc-Kenna's life - shapes the story and fine structure of Grace Notes. Sound has been strong in Mac Laverty's writing since the first novel Lamb, where coat hangers jangled like "the slow tolling of thin bells". The writer's prose was clean-cut then, and if anything it has been pared down further now. But strong sound images are still present, their poetry enhanced by the bleak, lucid

Try composing yourself

In Grace Notes, music becomes Mac Laverty's central thematic image. This is a story in two movements, and sound is stronger than vision, as if we hear the narrative through the ears of Catherine the musician Walkmans "sizzled and tished", an old

Tobias Hill pers "prayers full of esses". **GRACE NOTES** The piece opens By Bernard Mac with the death of Laverty Catherine's fa-

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scribed through its music: A whole trevally of prayers .. Five times for the Our Father Fifty times for the Hail Mary ... Like the sparrows earlier in the day. Cheep cheep cheep cheep cheep. A dry sound that needed oil."

ther, and the

funeral is de-

Beginning with a death. Grace Notes moves upwards towards the birth of Catherine's child and the first broadcast of her music, a piece full of the thunder and "slaps and dunts" of Protestant drums. Like the "thin bells" of Lamb with their delicate religious implication, the images in Grace Notes are rarely arbi-

are very readable. They ex-

Hamilton writes less, but

Andrew Wilton is Keeper of British Art at the Tate Gallery. His Turner in His Time is published by

trary. Mac Laverty uses sounds as subtle giveaways of time and place: of the politics, religion and violence of Northern Ireland. Character too is echoed silently in objects — a lorry unburdening itself of a load, just as Catherine unburdens herself of her ghosts through her music and the woman whisbirth of her child.

One of the accomplishments of Grace Notes is Mac Laverty's creation of a com-

simple unsentimental story the bahy ("A car alarm that shar and pissed") and its importance to Catherine. But the strongest impression left by Grace Notes is that of its central image - of the "notes between notes" which seem to compose themselves; of a life happening while its heroine is busy making other plans. "Do you compose the music or does the music compose you?" Mac Laverty writes, If architecture is frozen music. Grace Notes is the literary equivalent, full of its own powerful rhythm.

plete female narrator and her

Tobias Hill's collection of short stories. Skin, is published by Faber, priced £8,99.

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Turner's self-portrait, aged around 25, 1798-1800

YOU WAIT 30 years for one. and then two come along at once. The last "literary" biography of J. M. W. Turner was Jack Lindsay's intelligent, tendentious Marxist interpretation of 1966. Since then, books about Turner the painter have been plentiful, but his life itself has proved elusive, and his first biographer, Walter Thornbury, made a famous

hash of it. The standard biography Thornbury should have written, with Ruskin at his elbows. had to wait until 1939, when the great Turner scholar A. J. Finberg published his exhaustive, if rather dry, account. Finberg thought Turner a very uninteresting man to write about. There is nothing picturesque, romantic or exciting either in his character or in his life." Yet reading Thornbury one feels that, in the right hands, that life thoroughly Dickensian could have been the stuff of a

Turner in his grave

He was brought up in a narrow alley off Covent Garden, his father a chatty Devonian barber, his mother, more genteel, slithered into madness, and her husband and son bundled her into Bediam to die. By then Turner was in his twenties, a star in the artistic firmament with a lover who had borne him two illegitimate daughters. He kept his clandestine private life utterly separate from his professional career, conducted in the glare of celebrity and controversy. He acquired a reputation for miserliness, squirrelling away a fortune in the form of property and

government bonds. He eventually set up house with a much younger woman. first at Margate, later in a riverside cottage at Chelsea. He allowed her to keep him Andrew Wilton STANDING IN

er, a terrorist and a murderer.

THE SUN A life of J. M. W. Turner By Anthony Bailey Sinclair-Stevenson,£25 ISBN 185619.3896 TURNER A Life By James Hamilton Hodder & Stoughton, £25 ISBN 0340606231

out of her own pocket, but she cared for him with touching devotion to the end. Meanwhile his London house had gone to ruin, rain leaking into the gallery he had so carefully designed, the masterpieces he had hoarded there lying in piles, dripped on and peeling.

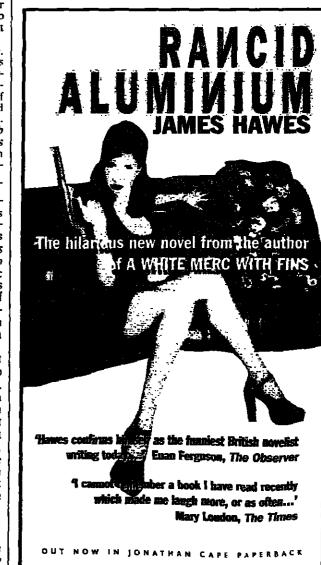
His will virtually ignored his family, who took their revenge for a lifetime's indifference by pleading that he was of unsound mind. The dispute dragged on, Bleak House-like, for five years. He had wanted the £140,000

in his estate to go to worthy professional causes: an Academy medal for landscape painting, almshouses for "poor and decayed Male Artists". A compromise reached by the Court of Chancery in 1856 gave the family the money, while the nation received all the pictures — not just the 100 finished canvases Turner wished but 300 paintings and oil sketches, thousands of drawings and

hundreds of sketchbooks. Both these new biographies keep the paintings firmly in their place. They are to be read, not looked at, and both

ploit as best they can Turner's scrappy but sometimes amus-ing letters, his lugubrious "manuscript poem" Fallacies of Hope. Each book tries to balance the misanthropic Turner against the generous artist, the life and soul of whitebait suppers at Greenwich or Eel Pie Island. Each gets it about right, with a

decided positive emphasis. with gusto, bringing Turner to vivid three-dimensional life. Bailey is almost as thorough as Finberg, and perhaps as a consequence there is less light and air in his narrative, but it is an impressive performance. These two overdue buses are going in the same direction but they take slightly different routes, and each is worth the



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HOLIDAYS

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☐THE ITALIAN Lakes for £305 a person for 11 nights B&B, with a flight from Gatwick on July 5, is on offer from Advantage Travel Centres. Details: 0990 881888.

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trip from Delhi with Greaves Tours, costing £235 a person, including rail travel and full board. Flights from the UK to Delhi cost from £405 return. Details: 0171-487 911L

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□ BARBADOS for a fortnight over the late summer Bank Holiday is on offer for £629 a person in self-catering accommodation from Airtours. The flight goes from Manchester on August 18. Details: 0541

FLIGHTS

AIR UK has Euroff fares to Amsterdam starting from £69 from London, £79 from Manchester or Norwich, £89 from Birmingham, £109 from Edinburgh or Glasgow, El29 from Aberdeen, Inverness, Newcastle or Teesside. De-tails: 0990 074074

☐ PORTUGALIA Airlines has a £159 excursion from Manchester to Lisbon or Oporto valid until July 15. Details 0990 502048.

AB AIRLINES has reduced its Gatwick to Lisbon excursion to E114. Details: 0345

□ FLIGHTS to Sydney or Brisbane before December 12 cost £635 return with Japan Airlines, including a free one-night stopover in Tokyo or Osaka. Details: 0171-636 5000.

☐ UNTIL August 8, Lupus Travel has a £99 BA excursion between Gatwick and Genna. Details: 0171 306 3000.

☐ FLIGHTS to Dubai cost E365 from August 16 to Octo-ber 31. Details: Air Tickets Direct 0990 320321.



Cruising holidays on the canals and rivers of France to coincide with Bastille Day celebrations on July 14 are available from Blakes Boating Holidays. A week from July 12 on a cruiser sleeping four on the Canal du Midi and taking in the celebrations in the walled city of Carcassonne, above, costs E280 a person. Details: 01603 782911

FERRIES

RED FUNNEL Ferries offers inclusive day-trips for a car and four passengers from Southampton, coupled with entry to several attractions on the Isle of Wight. Details: 01703 334010.

☐ SALLY HOLIDAYS has three-night breaks to Disneyland Paris from £38 a person to include ferry and accommodation. Up to two children under 16 travel free: July 1 to: August 31. Details: 0181-395

duced ten-day fares on Dover-Calais of £145 for a car and up to five passengers for bookings made by June 30, for travel by September 30. Details: 0990 707070. ☐ HOVERSPEED has new

£35 day-trip or overnight fares on Dover-Calais for a car and two passengers on its Super-SeaCat service, July 18 to Sep-tember 7. Details: 0990 240241.

SCANDINAVIAN SEA-

WAYS has reduced the price of its two-night mini-cruises to Denmark this summer to £69. Details: 0990 333111.

HOTELS .

THE PRINCESS Sofia Inter-Continental Hotel in Barcelona is offering savings of 30 per cent off normal rates until the end of August as part of its "summer options" deal. Other Inter-Continentals have similar deals. Details: 0345 581444.

TYLNEY HALL Hotel near Hook, Hampshire, has a three-night summer break rate of £234 a room a night, including dinner, based on double occupancy. Details: 01256 764881.

STENA LINE has intro-☐ SUMMER RATES at the Lowndes Hotel, in London's Knightsbridge, will be £150 a night plus VAT for single bookings and £160 plus VAT for doubles. The special rates apply from July 7 until August 31. Details: 0171-823 1234.

> ☐ TO CELEBRATE Wimbledon finals the Old Course Hotel in St Andrews is running a special offer, at £149 a person, on July 4. Strawber-ries and cream, dinner and breakfast are included. Details: 01334 474371.

☐ THREE NIGHTS for the price of two are offered at

weekends in July and August at the Pennington Midland Hotel, a Victorian hotel in Bradford. Cost is £98 a person.

Details: 01274 735735. ☐ AN OUTDOOR concert, part of the York Early Music Festival, is included in the overnight rate of £59 at the Swallow Hotel in York on July

□ AUGUST RATE at the Oakley Court Hotel near Windsor, close to the Legoland theme park, is £65 a person based on double occupancy. Details: 01753 609988.

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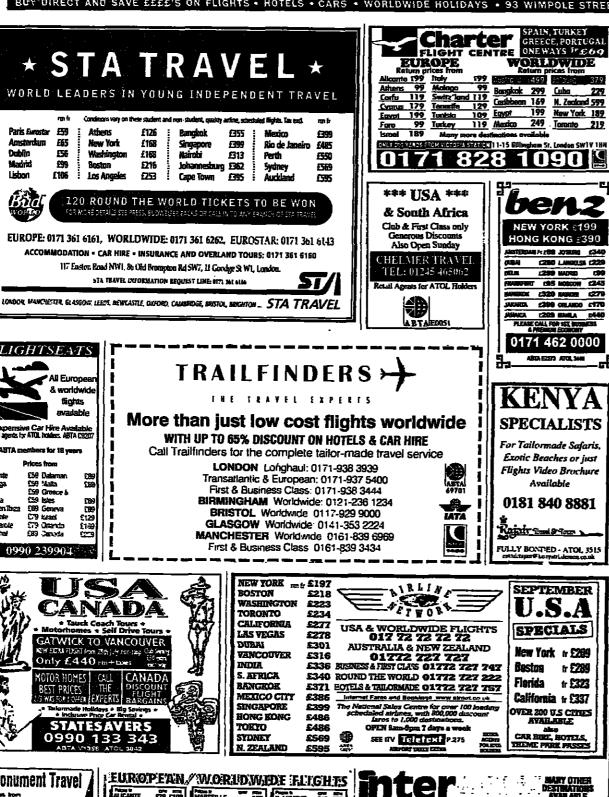
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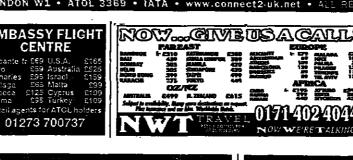
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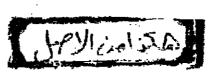




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Go east for new ski slopes

By JOANNA BALE

THE snow and mountains of Lupland, Serbia, Slovenia and the former Soviet republic of Georgia are featured for the first time in the winter holiday brochures in travel agents this

Heli-skiing on virgin powder as high as 13,200ft in Gudauri in the Caucasus mountains makes similar experiences in the Alps "tame by comparison", according to Crystal Holidays.

A week's all-inclusive package, including direct flights on Britis!: Airways from Heath-row to Tbilisi, starts from El,139 a person.

The resort of Kopaonik in Serbia offers some of the best value. A week's Thomson ski package for beginners, with flights, accommodation, equipment, lessons and lift pass,

Crystal has also lowered its prices, with self-catering start-ing at £175 a week for St Lary in the French Pyrenees, half-board from £183 a week in Bulgaria, and North America starting at £299.

Lapland is another new Crystal destination for families, offering children a chance to visit Santa Claus. There are also opportunities to try cross-country skiing and a snow-scooter safari.

In Slovenia. Crystal offers a choice of three resorts: Kranjska Gora, Bled and Bohinj. First Choice Ski is offering a £75 early booking discount per couple, self-drive reductions and learn-to-ski packages from £49. Its brochures offer packages in 72 resorts in eight countries.



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Safety pledges on new superliners

By Harvey Elliott

disaster is waiting to happen.

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But his fears were dismissed

by shipping companies, which

claim that safety regulations

are more stringent now than

Edmund Brookes, director

of marine services for the

Chamber of Shipping, says:

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one of them has a disaster."

He says: How are the old

AS THE world's biggest cruise ship nears completion this questions are being asked about the safety and efficiency of the new generation of superliners.
The 109,000-tonne Grand

Princess, being built for Princess Cruises, will be the largest passenger ship ever built, capable of carrying 2,592 passengers and 1,100 crew around the world when she comes into service next May. Ordered by P&O to meet the

demand for cruising — up 22 per cent last year and a bigger increase predicted this year even Grand Princess will soon be dwarfed by others now being built in America. Westin Hotels, for example, plans to launch the 250,000-tonne America World City — capable of carrying 8,600 passengers and crew - by the end of the decade.

But concern is growing because of the impact such ports they visit and of the Husky-sledding in Lapland | safety implications of carrying

rector, said: "She performs

like a powerboat. There will be

nothing like her on the Chan-

nel." Holidaymakers using

Dover who prefer a fast cross-

ing also have the choice of Stena Line's twin-hulled Sea-

Despite a planned merger

pool of conventional

between P&O and Stena Line

at Dover - which will reduce

ships from nine to six -

travellers can also choose

from the three conventional

But Stena's emphasis is now

on routes away from the

highly competitive Calais

route. The company has inested £300 million during

the past year in HSS jet

powered fast ferries. The HSS

has doubled the passenger

and car capacity of Hover-

speed's new fast ferry and has

cut times to Holland by half, to

Gareth Cooper, managing

director, said: "It is a compet-

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so many passengers, many of ways they never were before. Everything is now de-Captain Philip Pearcesigned to the very highest Smith, who has run a search standards and approved by and rescue operation in the governments. The more pas-Solent for the past 35 years, sengers there are, the more claims that cruise ships are safety equipment there is. becoming too big and that a There is no unease in the

industry at all because we

know that we would not launch a ship unless it met the latest salety standards." The potential fire hazard of atriums have already been tackled by the regulations, ing that ships have a large which include such devices as automatic "water walls" to prevent any fire from spread-

ing, the industry claims. Captain Pearce-Smith is also worried that the new giant ships will swamp the facilities at ports they visit.

"Many Caribbean islands do not have the infrastructure to cope with 2,500 people or more arriving in a superliner," he says. "Often, two or three are in port together, and available."

The Passenger Shipping As-



Captain Philip Pearce-Smith: search and rescue expert

sociation is adamant, however, that most ports can cope with the growth in cruise

William Gibbons, the association's director, says: Technically, there is no limit to the size of a ship. Though there may be more passengers, each one has more space than in a smaller ship and there are lar more facilities. Cruising, though the fastestgrowing tourist sector, still has only a 29 per cent share of

The Grand Princess enters service on May 14 next year with a 12-night Mediterranean cruise from Southampton. The ship is being built at the Fincantieri shipyard in Monfalcone, Italy, at a cost of \$400 million (about £242 million). Cabins will cost from £1,895

for a twin inside berth to £2,545 for a balcony cabin. The ship has 26 cabins for disabled passengers and 710 staterooms each with a private

In the first two days since the brochure went to travel agents this week, about 10 i cent of cabins for the maiden



How to placate the whingers

The

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nyone tempted to complain about a Illight or a holiday which went wrong should watch Airport, a fly-on-the-wall documentary to be shown tonight on BBCI.

As Merla Celestine, an Air Jamaica manager at Heathrow, stoically copes with crisis after crisis and Jeremy Spake of Aeroflot overcomes everything even the most difficult passenger can throw at him, it is clear that if anyone has reason to complain, it is them - about their customers.

How those in the travel business keep their cool and smile in the face of often downright rudeness

passengers is re-markable. Yet Airport is almost alone in portraying this cheaper a reality. Others seem determined to prove that anyone who takes a flight or books a holiday is going to be ripped off.
On Summer complain Holiday.

screened BBCI on Tuesday, "undercover investigators" asked travel agents for advice about taking a holiday in the Caribbean or the Maldives in August. The programme said that half the travel agents failed to warn them that there are hurricanes in the Caribbean and monsoons in the Maldives at that time.

For goodness sake. People are not stupid. They can read a brochure, ask a friend, use their general knowledge, or even question a travel agency clerk.

But that is not how they are regarded by those anxious to expose the wicked travel companies. At every turn, passengers are urged to complain to demand their money back and to

As a justification for their campaigns the "consumer champions" say that the number of complaints is going up - Abra alone reported 14.931 in 1995 and 17,929 last year.

But are those figures the result of worsening standards or of moaners being encouraged to regard the travel industry as a "soft touch"?

Courts are packed with plaintiffs demanding com-pensation for their "holiday from hell", and anyone who has been on a package holiday or cruise will recognise the near-professional complainers. Tour operators and air

lines are in the business of selling dreams. And too often they are painted too rosiy. Brochures postcard islands, elear blue skies and perfect ho-tels. At the same time they offer ever lower prices with, inevitably

lower standards.

Led by Thomson, which now produces a "warts and all brochure". the industry is beginning to acknowledge that a resort can have shortcomings as well as delights. It is discovering that low prices alone are not enough and that the cheaper the holiday the more the complaints.

Now they need to go a stage further. The size and standard of the accommodation is the most common cause of complaint. Show genuine pictures of the room, restaurant and facilities which guests can expect and they will be less likely to

And be prepared to pay far more for the likes of Merla and Jeremy. Their PR value alone is worth denny inev should but shamefully do not - get.

THE SE TIMES

London hotel costs in top five

By David Churchill

AS DEMAND for first class rooms in London outstrips supply, the capital has emerged as the fifth most expensive city in the world for business travellers. A new survey claims that costs for international high-flyers, including hotels and meals, come to more than £318 a

Executives who manage to secure a room in a London business-class hotel will find themselves paying £220 a night, on average, plus just over E31 a day for incidentals such as laundry and dry-cleaning. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will set back business travellers a

further £67.50 - without the cost of entertaining.

SUIDS

Business travellers headed for Hong Kong face the heftiest daily living expenses. Hotel, incidentals and food cost more than £387, according to a survey of 100 cities by the magazine Business Travel News Europe.

Also ahead of London in the world stakes, are Tokyo, Monte Carlo and Paris. But, surprisingly, the cost of doing business in America is less than in most European and Far Eastern capitals. The most expensive city in the US is New York which, the magazine points out, would only just scrape into the top 20 worldwide.



Fast ferries fight Shuttle challenge

By Steven Keenan

FAST ferries have been introduced on four cross-Channel routes this summer as operators try to fight the impact of Le Shuttle.

ALL ACIUSIVES

The car-carrying Le Shuttle service, which takes 35 minutes, resumed full operation on June I. with up to five departures an hour through the Channel Tunnel. Also, after the tunnel blaze

last November, the company wants to regain half the car market through Dover and Folkestone by the summer's end - with plans to win up to 70 per cent. But yesterday one of its Dover-based rivals. Hoverspeed, put a new Super SeaCat worth £.22 million into service to operate alongside two hovercraft to Calais. The battle is being fought on speed and service.

Hovercraft crossings also take 35 minutes, with the new craft taking 15 minutes longer. The conventional ferries of P&O, Stena Line and Sea France take 75 minutes.

> TRAVEL ON SATURDAY

India: Bhutan, Puri and Simla; Croatia: Whale-watching in Norway; Club Med in Sicily

The monohulled Super SeaCat can carry more than 770 passengers and 175 cars. Geoffrey Ede, managing di-

THOUSANDS of British

Insure before

you leap

holidaymakers are risking their lives and financial ruin by taking part in increasingly popular, sports such as parachuting. Adventurous tourists tempt-

ed to try tandem parachute jumps like that which severely injured Gareth Griffiths and led to the death of his instructor in Florida this week, were warned that the sport is almost certainly excluded from the standard holiday insurance cover.

Malcolm Tarling of the Association of British Insurers said: "Although insurance companies do not expect you to sit in your hotel room throughout the two-week holiday, they do not expect you to put yourself at undue risk."

A spokesman for Home and Overseas, Britain's biggest holiday insurer, said that while more people were trying dangerous sports while on holiday, its policies excluded parachuting.

Columbus Insurance said its policies covered whitewater rafting and scuba diving, but not parachuting. Peter Shepherd of the

think an HSS would also work specialist broker Leisurecare The other two routes to Insurance, in Swindon, said host new fast ferries this it could arrange cover for almost every sport. "Ten days summer are Ramsgate to parachuting in the United Ostend and Dunkirk, oper-States could be obtained for £56.24. Compared with the minimum hospital cost of The company £1,000 a day - and double that if doctors' fees and drugs

By Harvey Elliott are included -- it is very reasonable."

Many young holidaymakers decide on the spot to take part in a dangerous sport without contemplating the possible implications. Řachel Kearsley, a 28-year-old Lon-don secretary, spotted an advertisement for skydiving while in Australia. "I don't remember being asked to sign anything," she said. "We just had five minutes' chat and went up and jumped with an instructor. It was fantastic. But I never gave insurance a

thought." Skydiving in America is controlled by the United States Parachute Association. About 160,000 people a year make their first parachute jump, of which half are in tandem with an instructor. There were 39 fatal parachute accidents in America last year, of which one was a tandem accident.

US parachute centres give new parachutists an hour's instruction, including a training video showing emergency procedures. Clubs do not insist on students taking out medical insurance.

In Britain, the Civil Aviation Authority is technically responsible for parachuting safety, but delegates its pow-ers to the British Parachute Association (BPA).

A first-time jumper would be required to take a medical if over the age of 40 and the BPA regularly inspects all equipment and procedures.

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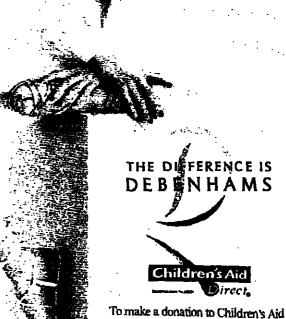
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CHANGING TIMES

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Tote appointment takes farcical turn

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE remarkable saga of the elopment in the Tote chair-Tote chairmanship took a dramatic twist last night when it emerged that Lord Wyatt of Weeford's term of office could be extended yet again — because of Home Office inde-

It had been thought that an announcement concerning a successor to Lord Wyatt, who has been suffering from pneumonia, would be made this week as the elderly peer is due to retire on Monday after 21 years at the helm.

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, was on the verge of choosing between Peter Jones. racing's favoured choice, and Maurice Lindsay, chief executive of the Rugby Football League, for the £75,000-a-year post. In recent days the odds have been heavily in favour of Lindsay getting the job.

However, there appears to have been a last-minute hiccup which could prevent Straw from making up his mind until the end of next month. The delay would leave the Tote rudderless for a month, so Wyatt, who will be 79 next week, is expected to be asked to stay on.

Just what is behind this latest hitch is unclear, but the surprise development would seem to have tilted the odds back in favour of Jones, a former president of the Racehorse Owners Assocation and director of the Tote.

manship has given fresh meaning to Whitehall fance. It was back in July of last year that Michael Howard announced that he intended to begin "very shortly" the search for a new chairman to succeed Lord Wyatt - who was orginally due to stand down in April this year.

A Home Office panel, inc-

luding Sir Richard Wilson, the permanent secretary at the Home Office and Lord Hartington, the founder of the British Horseracing Board (BHB), interviewed candi-

RICHARD EVANS

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Four names were forwarded to Howard for consideration: Major General Guy Watkins. former chief executive of the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club, Christopher Sporborg, a member of the Jockey Club, chairman of United Racecourses, and a director of the Tote and BHB, along with Jones and Lindsay.

Instead of coming to a swift decision. Howard sat on his hands. Eventually he came down in favour of Watkins. but because of the closeness of

the general election he was obliged to consult Straw who blocked the appointment. Wyatt was reappointed as chairman for a further two months and after the general election. Straw promised a swift decision about a successor. However, he too seems to have been afflicted by hesitan-

cy. Wyatt genuinely wants to step down from the Tote chairmanship and is unlikely to be armused by the latest Straw has interviewed Watkins, Jones and Lindsay. While Jones played it rather defensively, Lindsay im-pressed the Home Secretary

racing's establishment. After helping Wigan to be come the most successful club in rugby league. Lindsay was put in charge of the sport and turned it upside down. He engineered the introduction of the Super League, summer rugby and the world club

championship, and negotiated

a multi-million pound deal with Sky Television.

with his radical plans and the

fact that he is not part of

Although Lindsay has made his reputation transforming rugby league, he is no stranger to racing and betting. He has held a bookmaker's license since 1975 and has had horses in training for 30 years. By the middle of this week

the job seemed his for the taking - until the sudden



Snow Kid's paces leave deep impression

SNOW KID impressed as a group horse in the year-old. He loved the soft ground and the making when routing the opposition for the Margadale Conditions Stakes at Salisbury yester-

day, setting up a 56-1 treble for Pat Eddery.
Improving markedly on the form of his debut success at Wolverhampton, the David Loder-trained colt won by seven lengths from Peppiatt after making virtually all the running.
Ricky Bowman, Loder's travelling head lad, said:

This horse is going to keep progressing and, come the end of the season, who knows what he will be. He has had a lot of minor problems and is a big-topped horse, that is why he did not run as a two-

governor will step him up in grade now." Eddery was also impressed. "He gave me a good feel. I think he could win at least a group three on this ground and I feel he would not be

inconvenienced by a step up to a mile." he said.
Rainwatch, another progressive sort, defied top
weight under Eddery in the Gibbs Mew Bibury Cup Handicap. The son of Rainbow Quest, trained at Arundel by John Dunlop, set out to make all but had to dig deep before going seven lengths clear of Heart Of Armor. Dunlop said: "He's no superstar. but a long distance might suit him."

Eddery completed his treble when employing patient tactics successfully on White Emir in the Alderholt Sprint Handicap. The champion jockey forced the Brian Mechan-trained gelding, a notoriously tricky ride, to the front in the final

Frankie Dettori, one of Eddery's rivals for this year's title, gave up his final two rides after jarring his shoulder in a fall leaving the paddock. He is likely to be out of action until tomorrow. Cape Pigeon, a 12-year-old, put his younger rivals

firmly in their place when running away with the Martin Claiming Stakes.

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Huntingdon trims Plate team to one

LORD HUNTINGDON yesterday gave the go-ahead for his well-backed Shaft Of Light to run in the Northumberland Plate at Newcastle on Saturday. His two other entries, Lord Jim and Snow Princess, are unlikely to take part in the £100.000-added handicap.

The trainer made his plans after hearing that original topweight, Jiyush had been pulled out, leading to a rise in the weights. After Jiyush's defection, Lord Jim's absence will lead to an 8lb rise in the weights. Sweetness Herself. who will now head the weights, will be ridden by

apprentice, Mark Baird. The rise in the weights will enable Richard Quinn to ride the favourite, Windsor Castle, whose weight will rise from 8st 2lb to 8st 10lb.

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Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Corradini. 3.30 Mountain Song.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

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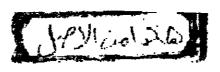
MARK RIMMER, who suffered a heavy fall from Irish Fiction at Warwick on Tuesday, was released from hospital yesterday. I'm badly bruised but thankfully I am in one piece," he said.





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ATHLETICS

Bailey hails emergence as sprinting's big noise

FROM DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

been singing with the chorus line here, but Donovan Bailey chose to branch out solo. While Johnson joined Wilson Kipketer and Haile Gebrse-lassie, the other top-of-the-bill performers, in refusing to speculate over world records this season, Bailey came over loud and clear.

"Oh yeah. I'll run faster than I ran last year." Bailey said. Faster than the year in which he set a world record for 100 metres. Just to make sure that the message was received. he repeated it: "I will run ne repeated it: "I will run faster, yes." He emphasised will. "I know I am very capable of running faster." He emphasised very. "Based on my strength and speed right now, I know I can do that." He emphasised know.

It was in the Olympic final in Atlanta last year that Bailey, from Canada, sliced 0.01sec off Leroy Burrell's world record of 9.85sec, set two years earlier. Here, Bailey was speaking before the International Amateur Athletic Federation grand prix meeting last night. Though he is 29, Bailey's wings are young and still developing. This is only his fourth season among the elite and each year he has run faster than the season before.

In 1994, Bailey's best was 10.03sec. It was 9.91sec in 1995 and 9.84sec last year. World champion in 1995 and Olympic champion in 1996, he is supremely confident of winning a second world title in Athens this summer. "I am going to be prepared, just like always am, for the big

Asked where the world record might come. Bailey said: "Anywhere, any time, With the right weather, right circumstances, right track. right atmosphere, it can hap-

Johnson, understandably after his ignominious defeat by Bailey in their 150 metres one-to-one challenge in Toronto three weeks ago, wanted

MICHAEL JOHNSON has only to emphasise the importance of rejoining the winning trail here, where he was due to compete in the 400 metres. The world record may become a target as the season progresses, but, for the moment. he was "taking everything day by day".

After winning world and Olympic fitles at 200 and 400 metres and shattering the world record for the half-lap, the 400 metres world record is the one part of this section of athletics territory not yet sur-rendered to him. Whether or not he claims it, he has no interest in marching on to 100

"I have no intention of being a 100 metres runner," Johnson said. Though he did not say so in as many words, ir would appear that Juhnson has yielded to Bailey the unofficial "fastest human" title. It was this argument that prompted the Toronto challenge race. won by Bailey, who was leading when Johnson pulled up clutching a leg.

"I am very happy being a 200/400 metres runner," Johnson said. "I really do not believe I am of Olympic gold medal calibre, or world record calibre, as a 100 metres runner." So should Bailey be considered the world's fastest man? "If you would like to." Johnson said. "It does not matter to me."

From here, Bailey and Johnson move on to Sheffield, for the British grand prix on Sunday. While Johnson faces all four members of the Great Britain team that won the 4 x 400 metres relay at the European Cup last weekend, Bailey is up against Linford Christie over 100 metres.

There will be no change of mind from Christie with regard to Athens, according to a statement issued yesterday on his behalf. Despite reports to the contrary, Christie was said not to have entered the British Germany that weekend.



A rare glimpse of relaxation from Tyson as he confronts the press with his accusations of bias and unfair treatment

Tyson consumed by all the rage

Srikumar Sen, in Las Vegas, finds the t is a measure of Mike Tyson's stature that it former champion in obsessive mood . remains virtually undi-

against the system.

Even many boxing follow-

ers attributed Tyson's failure

in November to something

other than Holyfield's superi-

ority. Just as when James

"Buster" Douglas defeated him in 1990, there are those

who are still making excuses

for Tyson, saying that he had

It is amazing that this

"loser, still champion" view

persists. Muhammad Ali was

considered the people's cham-

pion after his defeat by Joe

Frazier, but that was a close

fight and Ali was a political

symbol as well. Tyson was annihilated by Holyfield and

outside the ring his reputation

was no more than that of a

Instead of taking heart from unswerving adulation and

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minished even after his humiliating defeat at the hands of Evander Holyfield last November. Tyson is, without question, the main man in the return with Holyfield here on Saturday.

Despite being the challenger, he will receive exactly the same as Holyfield, \$30 million. The heavyweight contest at the 16,000-capacity MGM Grand Garden is sold out. It will be surprising if pay-perview television figures do not reach new records as the public yearn to see not so much whether Holyfield can repeat his feat, but whether Tyson can prove that defeat was an aberration.

Tyson is the favourite at 2-l on, while Holyfield is 1.8-1 against. No doubt this will change as gamblers make the most of Holyfield's price, but the greater part of the depressed communities up and trials in Birmingham from July down the United States will getting on with his job, Tyson 260lb, I was drunk every day li-l3 and was seeking to run in almost certainly be behind is obsessed with raging — that's where we started Tyson. A Tyson victory will be against the forces he believes from.

to be ranged against him. Despite marrying Monica Turner, a doctor, and having three daughters he dotes on -Gina, 7, Mikey, 6, and Rayna. 15 months - he remains somewhat despondent.

They are going to be better off," he said of his children. Their mother is a doctor and their father a rich man. I had an alcoholic and a pimp," he said when the press were assembled before him at the house of his promoter, Don King. "I think Don is a fool to even have you over to this house to talk with you. You write these things and the people that know and love me

read it and they feel awful." Of his performance against Holyfield, he said: "You have to remember, I was ripped off by my lawyers, I was going through a divorce. I was

don't have nobody on our side. The quotes are against us, the corporation is against us, the system is against us, the media is against us. We are still fighting and we are still doing well." Tyson's depression was fur-

"Everyone is against us. We

ther aggravated when he gave \$250,000 to a man in Las Vegas to help build a mosque and the man disappeared with the money. "I deserved it." Tyson said. "Maybe I was trying to buy my way into

Tyson likened himself to Sonny Liston: "Liston is someone I identify with." he said. That may sound morbid and grim. He just wanted people to love and respect him. I deserve respect. You can't be in my presence if you don't spect me."

How this frame of mind will affect his boxing on Saturday no one can tell. Some believe it will make him more positive, others that it will cause his downfall when he finds things are not going his way.

GOLF

Birthday passes in major shadow

FROM MELWEBB IN PARIS

MOST golfers of Colin Montgomerie's pedigree have little to prove as they move into their mid-thirties. Almost without exception, the great players have been there, done it, won it and got the commemorative keyring by then. Not Montgomerie. He had his birthday on Monday and goes into his 35th year with back bent from the weight of unfulfilled ambition that continues to hang from his sturdy

shoulders.

Montgomerie, who plays in the Peugeot French Open that starts today at Golf National here, was in reflective mood yesterday as he prepared to make his first tournament appearance since finishing second in the US Open two weeks ago. If he wins the £100,000 on offer to the winner, he will close the gap berween himself and lan Woosnam, leader of the European money-list, to £70,000 -

a mere bagatelle.

To say that Montgomerie is not really interested in what happens this week is to overstate the case grossly — he is a competitor first, second and last - but it is not stretching the truth to state that he is a man on a mission, a mission that will not be achieved until he wins his first major championship. Against that, little things like the French Open and winning the European order of merit for the fifth year running tend to pall a

His runner's-up spot at the US Open means that he has now gone agonisingly close four times to casting aside the malign spell that the fates have woven for him in majors. He was third in the US Open in 1992 and was involved in play-offs for the US Open in 1994 and the US PGA in 1995. He wants to win one of world golf's big four titles with a fervour that verges on desperation.

His next chance will come next month in the Open Championship at Royal Troon, where James, his father, retires as secretary on August 31.

It would be nice, he said, to win it for Dad. What he did not say, but undoubtedly nice to win it for himself.

Nicholas in the mood to make up for defeat

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ALISON Nicholas has an early opportunity to make amends for the disappointment of losing a play-off in France last week when she defends her title in the Ell0,000 Guardian Irish Open at Luttrellstown Castle in Dublin tomorrow,

Nicholas, who lost to Hiromi Kobayashi, from Japan, at the first play-off hole in the Evian Masters last Saturday, is one of four members of last year's Solheim Cup team in the field of 120. "I have not had a top ten finsih in America this year, but my confidence is growing." she

Two other Britons - Joanne Morley, from Cheshire, and Dale Reid, from Scotland ioin the Barcelona-based Marie-Laure de Lorenzi, of France in the group of Solheim Cup players in the field. Morley finished fourth in France last week behind de Lorenzi, who is back to the form that earned her a record

seven victories in 1988. De Lorenzi won the Swiss Open two weeks ago and leads the American Express merit table with winnings of £53,000 from five tournaments this year. "Winning the British Open has always been my ambition," she said. "Now have the chance of winning the merit title for a third time." De Lorenzi, who needs two more titles to reach the 20 wins necessary for honorary membership of the Tour.

Antonio Garrido, inspired by his son Ignacio's victory in the Volvo German Open last Sunday, will attempt to make it a family double when he tees off in the Manadens Affarer Seniors Open near Stockholm tomorrow. The Spaniards would become only the second father and son to achieve Ryder Cup status if Ignacio maintains his form to make the European team to play the United States at Valderrama in September.

der Collingtree Seniors last week and third in the European seniors rankings, is among the favoured starters at the Fagelbro course this week. His chances of a first title in three years are improved by the absence of thought, was that it would be Europe's leading senior, Tommy Horton.

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FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

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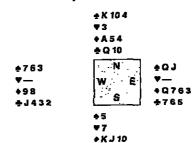
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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

This ruling at the Spring Foursomes concerns the procedures in the case of an inadequate claim:



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Hearts are trumps. Declarer needs the rest of the tricks. West is on lead. Before West could play, the declarer (Howard Cohen) laid down his hand claiming the rest of the tricks. He had noticed that he could throw a diamond from dummy on the third round of clubs, and then he thought he would be able to ruff all his losers in dummy. That was thinking — even sloppy though he had no obvious losers he did not have enough winners. It is a common error you should count winners

as well as losers. At this point the tournament director was called. The laws on inadequate claims by declarer say that any benefit of the doubt goes to the defence, and that means the declarer has to go down if he could do so by playing in "a careless or inferior way". However, he is not required to play in an "irrational" way. Cohen's partner Gunnar Hallberg, a Sweden international, pointed out that West would have to return a spade, as a red suit would give the declarer the extra trick he needed. Then it was obvious that before trying to guess the red suits the declarer would ruff a spade in hand and, with the fortuitous lie, establish the ten of spades.

However, the tournament director ruled that the contract was one down, in my view correctly. The reason is that a player who claims in this position might take the inferi-or line of playing on a red suit. or might carelessly not notice that the spade queen and jack had fallen on the second and third round of the suit. ☐ In the Open series at the

European championships, Italy are still in the lead, now with 502 points. Great Britain are ninth, after beating Israel 16-14 on Tuesday, but losing 22-8 to Norway yesterday. In the women's series. Britain are leading with 324 points, two ahead of France. With six rounds to play. Britain look certain to qualify for the world championships later this year. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE $ar{o}$ n CHESS

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By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

At the start of the Novgorod

tournament the organisers an-

New system

nounced a new way of scoring points for the final standings. Instead of the traditional one point for a win, half a point for a draw and no points for a loss, they wanted to introduce the alternative of three points for a win, one point for a draw and nothing for a loss. In fact, had they done so, the final standings would hardly have changed. Scored traditionally, Novgorod ended with Kasparov on 612 points; Kramnik 6; Short 5: Bareev 42: Topalov and Gelfand 4. Under the alternative system Kasparov would have scored 17: Kramnik 15; Short 14; Bareev, Topalov and Gelfand 10. The very slight variation, affecting only Bareev's position, makes it clear that it is futile to introduce radical alternative scoring systems without widespread prior discussion and

acceptance. Here is one of Short's wins from his final spurt. White: Boris Gelfand Black: Nigel Short Novgorod, June 1997

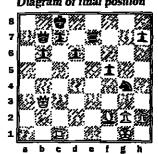
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Diagram of final position



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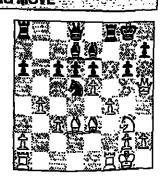
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Kennedy -Staunton, London 1844. White has a powerful concentration of force on the kingside and now breaks through to win quickly. Can

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a. Sharing a stomach

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

b. An Algonquian c. A desert storm

Answers on page 50

you see how?

CRICKET

Moody prepares to extend power base at Worcestershire

By Alan Lee. cricket correspondent

Tom Moody took over as the captain of Worcestershire on the first morning of a county championship match against Lancashire, scored a century and led them to an innings victory. Today, in the corresponding fixture at New Road, the gifted Australian will pon-

der doing even more. Moody has been a popular captain since the abrupt, midseason resignation of Tim Curtis and there is now a possibility that he will be rional role as coach. The club's cricket committee met last night and the secretary. Mike Vockins, confirmed that the elevation of Moody was one plausible solution to the immi-Houghton to Zimbabwe.

"We are looking at it with a clean slate and it is conceivable Tom might be sounded out about combining the jobs." Vockins said. "It hasn't been put to him yet, but whatever re decide, the link with Tom Moody is a key one. He is contracted to us until the end of 1998 and we see him as a very important figure in plan-

Approaches, some official but the majority informal, have come from many sources since Houghton announced he was to become the national coach in his homeland. A number of the applicants are



Moody: popular

obvious alternative to Moody is Phil Neale, a former captain of the club, who still lives in Worcester and may wish to return after a spell coaching Warwickshire.

Moody defied the aftereffects of flu to make a critical century in the NatWest Trophy win over Holland on Tuesday, but is "still not 100 per cent", according to Vockins. "He looks pale and a snade unwell," he said. "but. being Ton: he will play

The circumstances are somewhat different from 1995. Then, Lancashire had reached Now, they are one of five who have yet to win a game and they come to New Road in considerable disarray through

Lancashire will be led today by their third-choice captain. this is Michael Atherton. it is not in itself a calamity, but the continued absence of both Mike Watkinson and Wasim Akram is severely disrupting the balance of the side. Jason Gallian is also missing today. while Neil Fairbrother has a

Doubts surrounding the fitness of Mike Smith were dismissed yesterday by Gloucestershire, who presently lie third. "He had a slight groin problem, but it is nothing. He will definitely play at Luton," Philip August, the cricket

> The meeting of the past two champion counties at Grace Road sees the return of Mullally for Leicestershire and Allan Donald for Warwickshire, while the present leaders, Middlesex, are at full strength for their trip to Headingley, with Owais Shah playing his first championship game of the season. Middlesex are beginning to look strong, but this will be a test for them, especially if Mark Ramprakash, to whom captaincy must

Derbyshire's cause will not

be helped by the withdrawal of

Kim Barnett, their former

captain, who suffered a badly

bruised thumb in the NatWest

Trophy defeat of Lincolnshire. His place could be taken by either John Owen or Tim

Paul Taylor.



Cranes assist in the installation of floodlights at the Oval for the match tonight

Floodlit cricket gets first test

By Ivo Tennant

THE first competitive floodlit match between two first-class counties will take place at the Surrey play Nottinghamshire. At stake is not so much four points in the Axa Life League as the very future of such cricket in the unpredictable climate of England.

The weather forecast for today is not encouraging for a contest that has cost £100,000 to stage. To break even, Surrey reckon that they have to

attract a crowd of 10,000, including members. They have sold almost 4,000 tickets in advance, will have nearly 2.000 corporate hospitality guests and are hopeful that many more spectators will attend after work.

John Major has accepted an invitation, as, assuming that the wind is not blustery, have group of skydivers. Paul Sheldon, the Surrey

chief executive, stressed that the club was insured. "If we are affected by the weather, then we will try again," he insisted. "We knew this would bonanza, but we want to attract a new audience who will then come to our other matches. It is just one of our initiatives this season. Starting in July, for instance, anyone under 18 will be given free entry to all championship

The four floodlights, which have been put up at a cost of £40,000, have been paid for by sponsorship. Local residents, been assured that the generators and lights will be turned

Erecting the floodlights has roughened up the ground. Sheldon, however, said that he had received no objections to his initiative from the club's members or, indeed, from

If there is no play today, the match will be abandoned rather than postponed. "There is a free day next Tuesday, but our Test players will be required by England," Sheldon reorganise another Sunday match this season."

There has been one previous, unsuccessful attempt at staging a floodlit event at the Oval. In September 1994, a six-a-side competition, involving some of the best-known cricketers of the 1970s and 1980s, was abandoned after the first of two scheduled days when the players' demands for immediate cash payment were not met.

Old rivals revert to hype for bore of the roses

There is a prize on offer within my gift as sole arbiter. If anybody can find a more hideous chunk of prose than the text quoted beneath, he or she can claim a bounty one hundred guineas, freshly minted, which will be paid on demand. I do not expect the postman to come panting up the steps.

clash, coupled with the cricketing fervour of the sup ettable event. Day-night cricket is a regular feature in Australia, South Africa and India, Now the fans of Lancashire and Yorkshire have the opportunity to capture the spirit of the nineties and turn

one-day cricket into a party.

The match will feature coloured kit, rock music to announce each batsman and perhaps even a live band. It will be a fun day out with a vibrant display of partying participation, where banners and musical instruments will be used as the essential props to create a carnival atmosphere.

You have to admit that it sounds exciting. "Fun day out", "unforgettable event". 'carnival atmosphere", "spirit of the nineties" — the only thing missing is our old friend, a truly historic occasion. Even the dreary who snubbed Royal Ascot because people enjoy them-

Once you have got beyond the dreadful language, what, exactly, does this guff por-tend? What can possibly be so much fun, so unforgettable, so well, they said it - unique. It is, in fact, a one-day match of 50 overs a side at Old Trafford on Monday July 21. Played under floodlights, it will start at 3.30pm and finish round about 11.15pm. Both teams will take it in turns to bat for 25 overs each and there is £10,000 for the winners.

The press release was composed by Day Night Promotions, a London-based company, which hadgered the clubs into putting the game on. How they managed to persuade them to give their assent to the "unique" tag is a mystery. After all, Lancashire and Yorkshire have been jousting since Gladstone saved young ladies in Whitechapel. There is also reference known in legal circles as passing off.

Put simply, it is a silly attempt to dignify a beer match, and the timing could have been better. It seemed apt that, shortly after Lancashire endorsed this statement, their players went down to a fourth defeat in seven championship matches, when Glamorgan bowled them out in 14 overs. Either they are indiffHENDERSON



Line and Length

erent to their increasingly ragged public image or they are fearlessly breaking new

An ideal season for Lancashire would probably be a matches, with the occasional first-class friendly against times' sake. Laugh at your peril; that is the way the game is going. It is becoming harder and harder to find people prepared to stand up for first-

As is the way with many things in these image con scious times, if something is not relevant to young people it may as well not exist. It does not seem to have occurred to them that, if young people want to "party" and listen to disagreeably loud music, the last place they will look for it is at a cricket match. The rest of us. while acknowledging that times change, are happy to keep it that way.

the NatWest Trophy last year to complete a double of knock the club hierarchy said, with we've had a great year. If we there'd be nobody there to watch." There it is, straight from the horse's mouth.

This is the club that has given England its present captain, coach and tour manager, yet the finest service that Lancashire has provided this which talks of a vibrant display of partying. As Sir Kingsley Amis might have observed: "A what display of partying? A vibrant what of partying? A vibrant display of

For cheering us all up, when they might be excused for thinking only of themselves in their present desperate situation, Lancashire

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Graf's career moves on apace portrait of Johnners donated by the artist, Jocelyn Galswor-

lately, what with Geoff Marsh struggling to get his Test stars into some kind of form, Les Stillman being effectively de-moted after Dean Jones's abrupt departure from Derbyshire and Day Whatmore and Dave Gilbert coming under increasing pressure with underachieving Lancashire and

Surrey. It is pleasing to report, therefore, that one of their number has just gone home not enhanced. Shaun Graf, the former Victoria fast bowler. who is now his state's cricket supremo, stood in at Hampshire while Malcolm Marshall was otherwise engaged with West Indies and could not have made a better impress-

"We were delighted with him." Tony Baker, the Hampshire chief executive, said. "We have all heard so much about the Australian methods and it was very interesting to find out more about them at close hand and see how they worked in

"What impressed me most was that he was not dogmatic about their way being better than ours. In the past, we've been told that we must do this and we must do that, but he appreciated the peculiar constraints there are in county cricket. We all know that, in an ideal world, we would not play so much, but we are the only professional circus and we have to pay the players.

"It was a matter of gently moulding things to fit the situation and it was a very worthwhile exercise. Shaun was very honest, very forthright and all our guys left that they learnt a lot from him. That is not to put down Malcolm Marshall. He is



Hampshire through and through and we think the world of him." Marshall must have been

eased with his stand-in, too. He returned last week after deciding that Hampshire had heen messed about enough by the West Indies' seemingly interminable Test programme to find a Hampshire side that many people had tipped for the wooden spoon sitting com-lortably at seventh in the championship table.

KEEN memory

Memories of Brian Johnston's days at New College, Oxford, will be evoked on Saturday when his widow. Pauline, opens a new £750,000 pavilion that will bear his name, Johnners himself helped to contribute towards the £300,000 that has so far been raised to pay for the development, which retained the profile of the old pavilion but involved a complete refurbishment of the interior.

The old hoy, who would

have been 85 this week, would have been pleased to know that, as well as accommodating all sports with a gym and squash club, it will cater for KEEN (Kids Enjoy Exercise Now), a charity that encourages children with physical and learning difficulties. Mr. Johnston will unveil a

thy, ring a brass bell that she has presented and had suitably inscribed and read from a letter that he sent to his mother and stepfather in 1932. "I'm playing tons of cricket, literally every day for the whole term." he wrote, "and

am in quite good form. I made 14 for the Butterflies on Monday and 55 for the Allsorts against the college servants on friday. carrying my hat throughout the innings. But on Sunday. I didn't get an innings for the Ramblers against the staff college. The latter was a rotten game and we were very bad, but we had an excellent lunch."

Missing the cut There is a tug-of-war going on

at Lashings Cricket Club in Kent over the services of Richie Richardson, the former West Indies captain, who is about to start playing again after recovering from an operation to cure a serious elbow injury, which he suffered while playing in South Africa for Northern Transvaal.

Richardson, who will ease himself back by turning out for the headmaster's XI against the pupils at Sutton Valence School on Tuesday. helped Lashings, an offshoot of a Maidstone sports cafe, to win promotion to the Central Kent League last year.

However, they have won every game that they have played without him this season and now the second-team captain, one James Sandbrook-Price, otherwise known as Handbag, is arguing that, under club rules. Richardson must prove himself in his side first. The first-team captain, a no-nonsense Australian called Rocky McNee, is expected to

Sobers signs up

It may seem a trifle premature with the Ashes series only two Tests old, but they will be turning their thoughts to-wards the England winter tour of the Caribbean at the Lensbury Club at Teddington. Middlesex, tomorrow night, when diners will pay £49 a head for an evening with Sir Garfield Sobers.

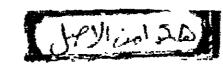
For that, they will get a real taste of the Caribbean with a steel band, rum punch, plus the great man's reminiscences on the past and, more significantly, on what lies in store for England against a developing West Indies team. Sir Garry will also be sell-

ing one of a limited number of bats autographed by the top ten run-makers in Test history Border, Gavaskar, Gnoch, Miandad, Richards, Gower, Boycott, Cowdrey, Greenidge, and, of course, Sobers himself. They cost £400, but clubs have been known to raise upwards of £3,500 for them at auction.

☐ Two extracts from the Glowestershire programme for the Axa Life League match against Middlesex at Bristol last Sunday.

"Like all true Gloucestershire supporters," Colin Sexsione, chief executive, writes, "I was horrified by the scenes of violence and foul language during and after the game against Worcestershire . Once again, excessive alcohal was the major factor."

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"A'booze cruise' around the docks," Philip August, cricket secretary, writes. "helped to restore team spirit after the Worcestershire defeat... an event enjoyed by players and administrative staff alike, which naves Mork Allanne's which proves Mark Alleyne's shrewd powers of building leam spirit within the whole



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FOOTBALL: BRAZILIAN FLAIR LIGHTS UP YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

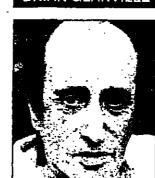
Adailton's launch swells galaxy of shooting stars

Owen? If the England Under-20 team prevail today against Argentina in the world youth championship in Malaysia. the prospect is imminent not that comparisons should be stretched too far. The 19year-old Brazilian striker. Adailton Martins, to give him his full name, is already a refulgent star on whom the covetous eyes of innumerable European scouts and agents

are fixed Owen has yet to reach such heights, but he is only 17. He scored a magnificent solo goal against Mexico and those of us lucky enough to see his astonishingly cool debut as a substinute for Liverpool against Wimbledon late last season will be aware of his precocious

Adailton, however, is something else again. Note that the young man from south Brazil did not even begin to play football until he was 15. So much for the terrifying ambition of Howard Wilkinson, the Football Association's head of craching, who is now in Malaysia, that coaching should begin with five-year-

In this context, the words of the Brazil coach, Antonio Barroso, are relevant. "Frankly. I think Adailton is a Brazilian type of player, one, that is to say, who is born with football inside him, whom there's no need to teach anyBRIAN GLANVILLE



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thing at all. With players like this, the only job for a coach is to make them work, mould their talent and lead them to the highest level."

Adailton, a slight ligure, scored nine goals in Brazil's first three games in the tournament, six of them against the hapless South Koreans. Yet he is no prima donna. He works hard for the team, brings his colleagues into the game and even drops back to help in defence.

Both he and his coach insist that there is no chance of his figuring in the World Cup finals next year. As Adailton modestly remarked, Brazil have plenty of attackers already - not least Romário, on whom Adailton, studying videos of the centre forward, has modelled himself. He plays for the modest Guarani club and seems to have no immediate ambitions to leave them for Europe. In time, he surely

The word that Liverpool are close to signing Fabrizio Ravanelli from Middlesbrough justifies the fear for those who believe England's sparse native talents are being blocked by foreign players. Owen surely deserves his place in the Liverpool attack beside that other gifted Liver-pudlian, Robbie Fowler.

Meanwhile, Borussia Dortmund and AS Monaco are keenly interested in Ravanelli. Should he go to Dortmund, the European champions, he would find himself working under an Italian manager, the club having just appointed the former coach of Parma, Nevio Scala, who turned down several offers from England.

The hunt for young talent grows ever more intense. Perugia, relegated from Serie A, have lost two 19-year-olds to Britain. Accommodation has been reached with Rangers over Gennaro Gattuso, now that the Glasgow club has bought the 26-year-old Perugia striker, Marco Negri. Perugia are still pursuing Everton over the signing of the midfield player, Luigi Riccio.

Riccio, like Gattuso, suddenly walked out on Perugia. At present, he is doing his

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his agent has signed a contract with Everton that includes several free trips home a year and provision for intensive tuition in English. Perugia have appealed to Fifa, the world governing body, because, under Italian rules, the transfer is illegal. Everton may have the Bosman ruling

on their side. The Brazil senior team today meet Peru - fielding a mere under-23 side — in the semi-finals of the Copa America in Bolivia. For Brazil. exempted from the World Cup qualifiers, this has been simply target practice against countries that, preoccupied by World Cup qualification, have fielded scratch teams. One of them, Mexico, faced Bolivia in the other semi-final last night.

Overall, the competition has been a fiasco. High prices and weak teams have devastated attendances. The ever combative Daniel Passarella, the Argentina coach, was bitterly criticising the tournament from the first, not only on grounds of its redundancy but for the fact that Argentina might have had to play on the breathless heights of La Paz.

He and his team have gone home with their tails between their legs, knocked out by the young Peruvians, with three of their players sent off. Argentina entered a B team, but with enough experienced players to hope for success.



The emergence of Adailton, right, was marked by a flurry of goals in Malaysia

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Kendall's asking price put at £1m

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SHEFFIELD United have demanded £1 million in compensation for the services of Howard Kendall, their manager. Kendall will return to his former club. Everton, this week if an agreement can be reached between the clubs.

There is a delay, however because Mike McDonald, the Sheffield United chairman. has been angered by Everion's approach and believes that he is entitled to heavy compensation. "I feel I have been kicked in the teeth." he said

yesterday. Kendall was holding talks over a contract with Everton last night as he prepared for

his third spell at the club. Walsall, of the Nationwide League second division, yesterday appointed Jan Sorensen, the former Denmark international, as their manager in place of Chris Nicholl, who resigned at the end of last

Brighton, having avoided relegation to the Vauxhall Conference by the skin of their teeth, may yet be expelled from the Football League after failing to pay a £500,000 bond to guarantee their continued membership of the league during a proposed groundshare, originally with Gillingham but now, probably, with Millwall.

The bond was payable by close of husiness at the end of last week but the league has heard nothing.

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Luton team indebted to Speight

LUTON has produced the winner this week of the Interactive Team Cricket game. R. Rae, with his team. Harry You're A Beast, scored 1.631 points last week.

The biggest contribution to Mr Rae's success came from Martin Speight, of Durham, whose batting abilities have come to the fore recently after some time





county. Speight scored 253 points over the week.

The prize this week is a day's hospitality at the Old edition of PCA Yearbook 97, signed by members of the Professional Cricketers' Association.

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IN BRIEF

France look to Penaud for control

FRANCE have announced three changes to their team for the second and final rugby union international against Australia at Ballymore, Brisbane on Saturday. Alain Penaud, the stand-off half, so essential to the smooth functioning of the France back division, is fit again and replaces David Aucagne. while Christophe Lamaison. the Brive centre, comes in for Richard Dourthe.

Sebastien Viars is selected on the left wing in place o David Venditti, who pulled a hamstring in the 29-15 defeat in the first international at Sydney last Saturday.

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Cycling: Chris Boardman's domination of the Tour of Catalonia came to an end yesterday in the seventh and penultimate stage from Gerona to Andorra. Boardman lost his earlier overall lead of Imin 36sec over Fernando Escartin. of Spain, at the end of the stage, which was won by Bo Hamburger of Denmark. Escartin is the new race leader. 2sec ahead of Angel

Cricket: The draw between West Indies and Sri Lanka in St Vincent on Tuesday has elevated England one place in the Wisden Cricket Monthly world championship, the sport's unofficial international ranking system. England are now sixth, with II points, ahead of Sri Lanka, who lost a point for losing the series against West Indies. Zimbabwe and New Zealand.

Casero, also of Spain.

Hockey: England restricted Australia to a 3-1 victory in the second under-21 international match at Milton Keynes yesterday after losing 6-0 at the same venue on Monday. Spiendid goalkeeping by Taylor prevented Australia from scoring before half-time and England took the lead five minutes into the second half, when David Mathews converted a short corner. Australia responded in kind in the 58th minute and went on to win with two goals from open play.

Golf: Keith Nolan, 24, of Ireland, was first out yesterday in the first qualifying round of the European amateur team championship at Portmarnock, and his name was at the top of the leaderboard after a score of 70. two under par. Ireland also led the 22-strong field.

INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET SCOREBOARD

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Wimbledon washout proves an uncomfortable experience for spectators

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Kicking and Screaming

omeone has really missed a trick, in my opinion, failing to spons-or the Wimbledon tarpaulins. An aerial shot of the All England Club on one of its famous washed-out days is all swollen-bellied plastic sheets, like an array of giant grow-bags, without the tomatoes, What a waste of a prime site. Those tarpaulins could spell out messages of all sorts. CLIFF RICHARD STAY HOME. That would be a

1 had always wondered why, during rainfall at Wimbledon, dauntless punters remained in their Centre Court seats, sheltering under umbrellas, munching sad apples and risking the unpleasantness of damp community singing. "You should go indoors," (used to urge them from my comiy sofa at home. "Go indoors!" Getting up briefly to turn up the gas fire and settling down to a rerun of an old Borg-McEnroe match on the BBC, doubtless that's what many telly viewers advised

But alas, "indoors" is an insanely fanciful notion at Wimbledon. It is an outdoor event. Thus, you can have "under cover" and also "sitting down". but unfortunately it is a matter of either/or; they rarely occur in useful combinations, in the Aorangi Food Court, people impersonated refugees, sitting on the cold floor on newspapers: in the No I Court "Food Village". they are their Thai stir-fry standing up. People brought up (as I was) on the principle Never stand up when you can lie down can find Wimbledon premy hard going.



A couple share an umbrella for cover and find solace in a glass of champagne while an official optimistically posts the day's order of play

So of course shopping turns out to be the thing. Personally, I shopped widely and imaginatively during the nothingbloody-doing hours of Wimbledon yesterday until o o'clock, when play finally commenced. I shopped in the little bijou Post Office and in the Museum Shop. The small chemist's was a disappointment (mostly sun-creams), but the key-fobs in the large swanky Waterford Crystal place under No I Court cerrewarded another thoughtful browse and I expect to make my final decision

ly quite soon. No catalogue of the day's excitement would be complete without also mentioning that I had two pieces of pizza, a handful of chocolate creams from a "Bon-Bons" stall and a

on this important matter real-

half of lager. And if memory serves, this was all before half past eleven.

If it sounds like spending quality time airside at Garwick, that's also what it feels like, except that nobody asks you for your boarding pass all the time and there are no toddlers crayonning the bins. Hourly, a loudspeaker announcement reduces the low polite murmur of the dank crowds to a deep hush. Even the cash tills fall silent for the duration. The announcement routinely offers the palest ray of hope, that in "an hour or so" the weather situation will be reviewed. Ho hum, says the crowd, and then recollects itself. "Do you take Switch?"

Beep, beep, beep, ker-ching. Court after lunch, but luckily Sir Cliff was broadcasting on Radio Wimbledon at the time Personally. I spent much of the day catching up with important paperwork — ie. and it petered out once Yellow

filling in the winners of the first-round matches in The Times's handy championship knockout table and getting hysterically over-excited about what the next bout of play might bring. For example, I can now see that Haas (Ger) has beaten Ruud (Nor), to meet Petchey (GB). I'll confess I hadn't fully appreciated this before. Similarly, Knippschild will play Rafter. It's good to see it all systematically laid

is disproportionately high. Rain cleared. Rain fell again. Pitiful community singing burst out around No 2

out. When you have filled in

the table for yourself, with a special Wimbledon ball-point

pen, the sense of achievement

Submarine and Doe, a deer had been exhausted. The poverty of the British repertoire is all too apparent in these situations, unfortunately. Of course, the imperatives of journalistic curiosity ought to have driven me towards these piping voices, to gather names

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and addresses, but, by a strangely perverse process, their damn Blitz spirit drove me instead in quite the opposite direction, towards my second half of lager of the day. The truth is, there's a time limit to good humour on

occasions like this. Once the punters have discovered that all the Wimbledon shops stock the same gear, things can turn a bit nasty. The novelty of the pricey catering can wear off quite quickly, too. If I have perused (and rejected) one egg mayonnaise sandwich in this place (price £1.95), I have perused and rejected identical thousands. There's no argument that the food here is of a superior nature, what with Pimm's and all that, but I'm yet to understand why a hot

dog is called a "Dutchee", or why my first modest repast of sandwich and coffee set me back £7.25.

Out at the Cafe Croquet - a small marquee at the southern end of the grounds, where sitting undercover turned out to be a possibility, after all — I found two demoralised ladies from Kilmarnock, one of whom was so nice that she offered me accommodation during the British Open golf at Troon. This was their third day at the tournament and so far they had seen a match and a half, on Monday. On Tuesday, they had queued for three hours before being sent away. Their tickets for No 1 Court promised Seles v McQuillan, Ivanisevic v Norman and Henman v Golmard, so no wonder they felt sick that the only excitement in view was another egg mayonnaise sandwich and half of lager to a chorus of the greatest hits

from The Sound of Music to think al Rain is predicted for today challenge. as well, of course. They've got Centre Court tickets today.

Novotna haunted by spectre of lost opportunity

By MICHAEL CALVIN

THE setting was new. The spectres were old. Jana Novotna returned to Wimbledon, on a dank, damp eve-ning, and failed once more to dispel the memories of a sunny summer Saturday. when her frailties became clear to the watching world.

She left No I Court with almost indecent haste yesterday after taking 34 minutes to work herself into a position of strength, from which she successfully served for the first set of her first-round match against Wiltrud Probst. It was a tacit admission of the pressures that will build, inexorably, when the monsoon season

As much as she may deny the gravity of her plight, the Czech seems, like Paul Gas-coigne, to be destined to be remembered for self-pitying tears, shed in shock Four years have passed since she wept on the shoulder of the Duchess of Kent, after her loss of nerve donated the women's singles title to Steffi Graf, but it is an enduring freeze-frame image of desolation.

Second chances are rare in sport. Doug Sanders never another three-foot putt for the Open Championship: Gordon Smith subsided into obscurity soon after missing the chance that would have won Brighton the FA Cup.

Novotna is fortunate. The absence of Graf, the suspect temperament of Monica Seles and the relative inexperience of Martina Hingis give her what is probably her last, and most certainly her best, opportunity of winning Wimbledon.

The air was heavy with unfulfilled ambition and scarcely supressed anxiety even before Novotna emerged tentatively for a match that seemed to represent an ideal introduction. Probst. at 28 the ranked No 90 in the world and is struggling to sustain a. mediocre career. Novotna, ranked No 3, had won the five previous matches between

day that applied subtle strain to her psyche. The sheer futility of life as a professional athlete, when the weather intervenes, is an insidious test of temperament. It destroys the bio-rhythms, interrupts the rituals of practice and preparation. Most of all, it gives a player too much time to think about the impending

Yet she was ill at ease after a

Novotna, like most of the elite, was nowhere to be seen

as the afternoon dragged on. She took refuge in the lockerroom and attempted to remain. self-contained, away from the public gaze. Probst also declined to risk the diversions of a visit to the players lounge, which had all the allure of Gatwick when air traffic controllers exercise their right to

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Some players, folded into wooden-framed chairs arranged around a conspicuously-closed bar, watched an amorphous blob called Morph, a pliable pillar of children's BBC, with the type of rapt attention seldom seen outside a toddler group. Others played cards or pocket chess. The financially inclined completed their accounts, or read paperback pot-boilers charting the career of Nick Leeson, the jailed futures

Novotna, more concerned by the stigma of her past, would have concurred with the thoughts of Alan Jones. Samantha Smith, the British



No I, out of the room because of the psychological pressure inflicted by the waiting process. Wait and wonder too long in such circumstances

and the walls begin to close in. The nervous tension was etched on Novotna's face as she walked out on court. stilling a brief burst of slow handclapping from an obsessively patient crowd. Her stern features are generally deceptive, yet, on this oceasion, she was clearly absorbed by her task.

Probst played on her mind, testing her dexterity and determination in a series of powerfully struck baseline railies. Novotna was hesitant and did not disguise her alarm when she slipped twice during the fifth game, when she rallied to make her decisive second break of the opening set. Appropriately enough. given the staccato nature of the day, she endured another half-hour delay before winning 6-4 when the rain had

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THE STATIMES

Seles gets straight to the point fister on both wings was hit

brief hole in the wea-ther and Monica Seles burst through it like a linehacker homing in on a dilatory quarterback, all

shoulders, teeth and psycho-pathic intentions. The first ball of the day hit in anger - the expression always seems appropriate with Seles - cume at 6.04pm: 18 minutes later, she had polished of the first set to Her opponent, Rachel

McQuillan, had a tharn look on her face - tharn being the word in Watership Down for a rabbit caught in a car's headlights. McQuillan did. however, give her apponent the considerable inconvenience of saving a match point, after which the skies wept once again at this missed opportunity and play was suspended with the score at 6-0, 5-2 and deuce. The rain relented, Seles did not. She came back on court and completed the match in another couple of

minutes, finishing the set 6-2. Like the life of man in his natural state, the proceedings on Centre Court yesterday were nasty, brutish and short. Years ago, Seles reinvented the game of tennis on a principle of applied brutalism. Wonderfully ugly, wonderful-ly effective and, I must say, it was rather wonderful to be exposed to such a thing again for Seles was the victim of a Simon Barnes on how fate seems to be

smiling more kindly on a true survivor

man who committed the ultimate lunacy of taking sport seriously. Stabbed in the back by the madman, Günther Parche, she was penetrated lightly in the flesh and deeply in the soul.

She stepped on court yesterday, a figure somewhat diminished from her glory days in everything save size. She is now clearly built for comfort rather than speed - she has more or less forgone the concept of waist. There was never, even in her

palmiest days, the least suggestion of queenliness in her bearing. She was rather a rampaging, pilluging con-queror, an Attila, a Ghenghis Khan, a Tamburlaine - monarch of all she destroyed.

She brought a genuinely alarming intensity to her game of all-out power. Still cameras caught again and again that characteristic ex-pression of the killer bunny from Mars, all blazing eyes and bared herbivorous feeth.

There was something crazed about her, something intimidating about her even to spectators. Lord knows what it must have felt like to face the Martian in her pomp. It was a fearsome sound, the ringing

and, of course, the famous karate ki-ai, her trademark bisyllabic grunt. The grunt made headlines and those with long memories

axeman sound from her racket

will remember the gruntometer, a decibel counter that, its users claimed, showed that her grunt was as loud as a jumbo jet on take-off. And this girl, for girl she was then, with the ultimately brutal tennis game, went all sensitive about it and lost a Wirnbledon final that she should have won by trying not to grunt.

quickly come again. L we thought but it did not, for, traumatised by the stabbing, she vanished from the game. This year, it seems, her chance has at last arrived. Her old nemesis, Steffi Graf. love-object of the deludor an investigation are defluded Parche, is not playing at Wimbledon, for she has a poorly knee. The No I seed. Martina Hingis, is only 16. unused to grass and made a poor showing in her opening match on Tuesday. The title is here for the taking.

You feel that life owes Seles a Wimbledon title. She has the power. The whacking double-

yesterday with laser-beam direcmess. The wrists still break decisively and late, which ives her extraordinary qualities of disguise. She has the force, but the knife did not affect her strength, it affected her will. The swagger, the simple-hearted relish in destruction, have gone.

It was the cruellest thing to happen. Few people in sport have managed so completely to give the impression of the happy idiot. No one spoke greater gibberish at greater peed, a breathless monologue about sucks and suntan and forehands and jewellery and Madonna and jeans and sneakers and backhands.

And being a star - I have never seen anyone who loved heing a star so much. She always reminded me of Janis Joplin's terrifying statement:
"I love being a star more than life itself." Joplin, of course, is, or was, one of rock's eternal

Yet Seles's heroine is Ma donna and Madonna is, if nothing else, a survivor. Seles has at least set about following that as an example. A Wimbledon victory would be some kind of blow against the forces of madness. How much does eles muly want it? Not more than life itself, that is for sure. Enough? We shall, if ever it stops raining, find out.

RESULTS FROM WIMBLEDON

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□ HAVING lost most of yesterday's play due to rain, today's matches will start an hour earlier than scheduled. The All England Club announced that play will commence at 11.0am on the outside courts, while matches on Centre Court and No I Court

Recall for Wilkinson CHRIS WILKINSON has

been recalled to the Great Britain Davis Cup squad, two years after saying that he no longer wanted to play for his country if Greg Rusedski was also involved.

Wilkinson, who beat Junas Bjorkman, the No l7 seed, on Tuesday to reach the second round at Wimbledon for the sixth consecutive year, will travel with the Britain team to Kiev for their clay-court clash with Ukraine that takes place iust five days after the Wimbledon men's singles final.

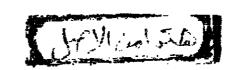
Martin Lee, who also had a first-round success on Tucday, when he heat Nuno

Marques, of Portugal, is included in the six-man party. ulthough neither he nor Wilkinson is likely to play in Kiev unless Tim Henman or Rusedski is injured.

Henman and Rusedski. who were both absent with injury when Britain lost 41 to Zimbabwe at Crystal Palace in April, return as the established top pair and they could even form the doubles combination for a match that Britain must win to avoid taking part in a Euro-Africa zone group one relegation match against Hungary in September.

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Bath face tough test

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task of the English club representatives in the Heineken Cup next season. If they are to progress as far as they did last year only to the quarter-final stage - they must battle past both Brive, the holders, and Pontypridd, the Welsh league champions.

The European competition has been expanded to include five pools and the prize money has been almost trebled, to £400,000. However, there are still two places to be filled. Cardiff and Llanelli should be taking up the two other Welsh club vacancies, but their ongoing dispute with the Welsh Rughy Union may mean that they are thrown out.

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RUGBY UNION: SYMBOLIC LION LIKELY TO EARN JUST REWARD WITH PLACE ON WING

Bentley setting new standards

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN DURBAN

ONE of the easiest things that a sportsman can do is to assert, sometimes aggressively, that he is not just there to make up the numbers. In the case of the British Isles team in South Africa, where the numbers are even more plentiful than normal, it has become something of a credo. No member of the party accepts that he is consigned to the midweck XV - and of nobody has this proved more true than

John Bentley. Bentley has been one of the outstanding successes of this tour, proof positive that Fran Cotton was right to pluck him from the Newcastle wing and restore him to the representative limelight. It is not only Bentley's playing form, but also his entire demeanour that symbolises the nature of these

The mature, matter-of-fact stance that Bentley, a former policeman from Cleckheaton. has taken in public on issues fundamental to professional sportsmen has been totally admirable. If some of the younger Lions, particularly the English ones, learn from him, they will be better competitors, both mentally and physically, as Bentley, 30, demonstrated on Tuesday night, when he scored three tries in the exhibitrating 52-30 demolition of Free State in Bloemfontein.

Earlier this month. Bentley was replaced during the game with Northern Transvaal – the only defeat that the Lions have suffered so far - and he felt the slight deeply. That was, after all, a Saturday fixture and, seven days earlier. he had scored two tries in the

win over Western Province. In the process, he underwent a much-publicised spat with James Small, the South Africa wing, who accused Bentley of poking a finger in his eye in a tackle and then refused to exchange handshakes at the game's end.

In South Africa's perception. Bentley had "outpsyched" the excitable Small and made himself a leading contender for international selection, but instead it was Alan Tait, another former rugby league player, who played in the contentious left-wing position during the international last Saturday in Cape Town.

Now however, Bentley's chance may have come, though not in the way that he would have wished. The Lions selectors will name today their XV to play South Africa in the second international here on Saturday and the groin injury suffered by leuan Evans will create a vacancy on the right wing, Bentley's favoured side. Had he been fit, Evans would certainly have played, but he is unlikely to take any further part on this tour.

Bentley would have wished to win his place on merit, but he also knows - none better. after nine gruelling years in rugby league — that injuries offer good players opportunities.

The Lions management will not confirm Evans's situation until today, but, when that happens, the way will be open for Bentley to make not only the international appearance that he craves but also to confirm the possibility that next month, nine years after winning his only two England

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Bentley put his case for selection with a powerful all-round display against Free State

caps, he could add a third. against Australia in Sydney. Bentley's willingness to take on opponents - to cut back inside because he knows that he does not have blistering

shown on

finishing speed - may be regarded as a strength, now that his colleagues have learnt new patterns of play and the strengths and weaknesses of their colleagues.

Bentley has benefited from the outstanding support play of the multi-national back row of Rob Wainwright, Neil Back and Eric Miller, ball-players to a man, yet who may go home without playing against South Africa. The way the players played at Bloemfontein, you have to adjust and review performance levels, but we would be stupid not to regard Saturday's first-test display as a template," Ian McGeechan, the coach, said.

"You always hope on a Lions tour that the squad plays better than they have ever done, that they will go back home better players and then you cannot argue against the Lions concept. We are in that pleasant position."

Such have been the standards achieved, however, and such the camaraderie that few of the party will consider their tour to have been a failure should they not appear in the internationals.

injuries excepted, Miller rated serious discussion for the No 8 berth held by Tim Rodber when the selectors chose their XV last night. His swift hands, as well as his explosive speed are set against Rodber's greater experience and strength in the tackle, but pace over the ground has been the key to the success of the 1997 Lions. Last week, in Cape Town, they played a more structured game, but, as McGeechan said, they seek to evolve week by week and the plan for Durban should differ. So, too.

could the personnel.

Game in crisis reaches point of no return

Christopher Irvine counts the cost of

British teams playing out of their league

is evidence

of the need

for change'

he world club championship. a wonderful L idea in principle, has wreaked so much havoe in such a short time that it is difficult to see where the repair work begins and ends for rugby league in Britain.

With more punishment inevitably to be meted out by the Australasian Super League (ASL) sides, the harm and embarrassment could deepen before the competition ends in October. After three sobering weeks, the game has stark alternatives — to bury its head back in the sand, or take the "no pain, no gain" route of meaningful change, in which case the world championship will have served a useful

The need for the Super League to be cut

from 12 to ten, or even eight, clubs is self-evident. So, too, is cutting the dead wood from the overseas quota, in a reduction from six to two players, to reverse the neglect of

home-produced talent. There from now will require an needs to be a pyramid struc-ture of development and an end to the pernicious promo-tion-relegation and transfer fee systems — root causes of clubs spending their way to oblivion.

Long-term success hinges on junior development. a scandalous failing in the festering dispute between the professional and amateur governing bodies.

This cannot continue - a proposed joint youth commission is a step forward -unless the sport is so complacent that it can shrug off the beatings by southern-hemisphere sides, retreat back to its own little world and pretend the whole thing never

happened. Retrenchment should not be a dirty word. London is a moderate success of the expansionist agenda and a foothold in the capital is important for the sport's profile, but building from a position of strength, in the recovery can start. It cannot in Bristol, Leicester and Cardiff, where infrastructure is mini-

Twenty-seven losses and three wins in the first series of matches - two of the victories at the expense of an ordinary Perth side - is damning enough evidence of the need for change. A few one-off wins were expected, particularly from Bradford Bulls and St Helens, who lost each of their three home matches. Seven of the ten Australasian sides posted club record scores, while Halifax Blue Sox suffered their heaviest loss - 76-0 at Brisbane - and Wigan Warriors came within two points at Canberra of their worst defeat.

If the post mortem does not make unpleasant enough reading. the crowd figures '27 losses

indicated a lack of public stomach. both here and in Australia, for a plethora of predictable outcomes. The reverse fixtures four weeks

extraordinarily hard sell and. above all, evidence that the European contingent stands a better chance.

John Ribot, one of the architects of rugby league's faded global vision, resigned yesterday as the Australasian Super League chief executive and hopes to head a new club franchise in Melbourne. This week will also see whether Maurice Lindsay, his British counterpart, jumps horses to become chairman of the Tote, leaving behind an onerous job of reform.

Ribot resigned as a charter for harmony between Rupert Murdoch's Super League and the Australian Rugby League (ARL) was announced yester-day. The ARL has resolved to work towards a single national competition by 1998.

Eventual reunification. after a season of division. would unleash again the full might of Australian talent under one umbrella - vet more had news for European game's heartlands, is where clubs.

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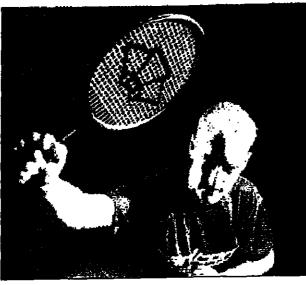
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Time to rally round in defiance of science and disarm 'Scuds'



Power play rushing tennis to break point

The thump of scorching aces at Wimble-don is one of the traditional sounds of summer. So. increasingly, is the chorus of complaints that the high-speed servers are

ripping tennis apart. We have seen the graphite-armed, one-shot monsters reducing the game to a service Rusedski and Mark Philippoussis, the two fastest servers in the business, thrashed aces down in a ground-shuddering display of power tennis.

Although the crowd went

wild about Rusedski - and after all, in spite of his accent, he is British - there are many who know the sad truth: unless the game takes a serious look at slowing down a bit. it will surely smash its way into ever-increasing boredom.

Players today are noticeably stronger, bigger and more athletic than the champions of the past. They are sunscorched giants with strangesounding, central European names, who can smack out aces all day long. When you combine these specimens with rackets that make the wooden ones look prehistoric, you have a game that the languid Victorians, who devised tennis, would never recognise.

To many, tennis began to die with the disappearance of the wooden racket. The metal rackets that crept into the game in the 1960s have evolved into powerful graphite weapons, complete with shock and vibration-reducing handles and self-adjusting levels of stiffness.

Anyone who believes that the world-record 142.3mph service, which has earned Philippoussis the nickname



"Scud", is the ultimate, should think again. In the past fortnight, as the Wimbledon players have warmed up, there has come a dire warning (and an implied challenge) from another racket sport about the ever advancing march of speed and technology.

Tennis, despite its Scuds, is not even the fastest racket sport around. That honour goes to badminton. The announcement came, not unexpectedly, from the equipment manufacturers, who, with an eye firmly on the commercial potential, boast happily of injecting more power and speed into their game. Simon Archer, the British

Olympic squad badminton

player, smashed a shuttlecock at a recorded 162mph in a specially arranged game with Julian Robertson. Archer, the equipment manufacturer proudly reported. plays with a Carlton Aerogear 900FX and used Aerogear 880 feather shuttles". Archer said: "I was confident I could break the tennis record, but I surprised myself by achieving speeds of over lo0mph." Presumably, we can expect tennis to get out its radar guns and Dunlop to wind up its engineers to produce something that will

match the speed of badminton. Of course, you cannot stop the march of technology and



trailing by Archer, the badminton player, top left, who has hit a shuttlecock at 162mph

vice, or even making double

faults cost two points. Such solutions sound unlikely, but

more serious consideration

should be given to the specifi-cations of rackets and balls.

Restrictions have had to be

imposed in other sports. Base-

ball banned the use of

aluminium bats and in 1984,

when Uwe Hohn, of East

Germany, threatened the lives

of spectators by hurling the

javelin 104.80 metres, athletics

officials gulped and changed

the specification of the javelin

Spaniard, Erausquin, emer-

ged from obscurity at the age

of 49 with a new way of

throwing the javelin - discus

style. He smashed the Spanish

record and his technique was

widely, if briefly, imitated

In tennis, it would be quite

possible to place a limit on the

length, width, circumference

and stiffness of the rackets

used for Wimbledon and other

before it was outlawed.

Back in 1956, an imaginative

to make it fall shorter.

those who hanker after a vanished golden age of wooden rackets and endless rallies should remember that the Victorians were only able to develop lawn tennis as a garden game because of breakthroughs in technology.

The first of these was the

discovery in 1839 by Charles Goodyear of how to vulcanise rubber, which gave the game a ball that would bounce on grass. The second was the invention of the lawnmower. Without it, surfaces would have been unplayable.

hile the surfaces and the balls have changed little, however, Wimbledon's historic collection of rackets in its museum is the evidence of how much the game has changed. Nostalgia for the days of the wooden racket is so strong that in the United States they even hold special tournaments where modern rackets are banned.

The Annual Woody Tournament of Cape Cod was started three summers ago and insists on all-white outfits and allwood rackets. Others, who realise that living in the past is not grass-court championships. It a realistic option, have sugmight put some badly-needed gested slowing down tennis by creativity and skill back into making the courts bigger, restricting players to one ser-Similarly, there is a lot of

variety in the balls used in tennis. Some are heavier than others, some have more felt and move more slowly. Wimbledon could try using a ball that is slightly heavier than usual or experiment with a little less air pressure. The truth about tennis is

that, in the future, the twin advances in physical strength and technology will have to be controlled if they are not to destroy the game. The court, the net and the rules are still exactly as the Victorian founding fathers determined that they should be, but the combination of modern rackets and the physique of players has torn the game from its gracious Victorian frame.

Each June, we have the terrifying prospect of even faster serves and fewer rallies. Somewhere above the unrelenting thud of the Scud must be heard the cries of those who weep for the game.

looking for lumps of ice, some

of which were too small to

"The safety of my boat and

crew comes above all else

and, as everyone knows, to

beat a record. first you have to

During the night, the

women were on the how in

pairs, using night-vision glasses as the catamaran

reached speeds of up to 27

knots. The bow is not a

nleasant place to be in freezing

conditions with waves coming

over you at regular intervals,

skin." Edwards said.

veryone is drenched to the

According to Ed Danby, the project manager, the boat

is standing up well to the rigours of the record attempt.

apart from a leak in the

centre-board casing in the galley that one of the crew,

Lisa Charles, from Rhode

Island, has managed to stem

stronger conditions today.

which will help to speed Edwards on towards the finish line off the Lizard Point on

the southern coast of

In order to break the record, Royal & SunAlliance needs to cross the line before

Cornwall.

12.30am on Sunday.

with a running repair. He said lighter airs yester day should be replaced by

show up on radar.

finish." Edwards said,

JOHN BRYANT

TELEVISION CHOICE

A crusading success

Watchdog: Value For Money BBC1, 7pm

The BBC clearly perceives it has a winner with the Watchdog formula, for as one spin-off, Weekend Watchdog, leaves the schedules another one returns. Weekend Watchdog got its knuckles rapped recently over coverage of allegedly dodgy holidays but no complaints have attached to Watchdog's shopping programme, presented as before by Vanessa Feltz and Chris Choi. Tonight's programme is nothing if not packed. Katrina, the Eurovision Song Contest victor, asks whether market stall clothes can compete with the designer label look. Garth Crooks and Scorpio from Gladiators look at sports footwear and Anne McKevitt of Home Front considers how far improvements add value to a house. Choi's item, which seems to have strayed in from another show. is about making money out of comedy.

Health Alert Channel 4, 8pm

We have heard it enough times, that heart disease is the main killer of men in Britain. We know that it tends to be brought on by had habits such as smoking and lack of exercise. But Shahnaz Pakravan's report, rounding off an informative series, suggests that the propaganda is not hitting home. Peter, who is 46, has been admitted to hospital with a heart attack. Perhaps it is no wonder because he weighs 18 stone, smokes and takes no regular exercise. With a young family he is determined to mend his ways. The film follows him through a rehabilitation programme and his attempts to forgo cigarettes and fry-ups. Women are even less fit than men. One survey found that only two in ten do enough exercise. We meet a research scientist who says he can get them to change their ways.

Fishers of Galilee

The Sea of Galilee provides rich material for the wildlife film-maker and Malcolm Penny's splendidly-photographed documentary does not disappoint. Much of the time Penny is content to remind us of the unchanging rituals, from fishing methods that have not changed since the time of Jesus to the seasonal interaction of birdlife and the



Vanessa Feltz at large (BBC1, 7pm)

fish that provide much of their food. But just as you fish that provide much of their food. But just as you marvel at footage of birds mating and chicks hatching, Penny brings his theme right into the late 20th century. To sustain the wildlife, human fishing of the lake is strictly controlled but increasing numbers of holidaymakers are dishurbing the birds. Pollution is a hazard and so is a drop in the water level caused by summer evaporation and low rainfall. Moreover, the lake provides Israel with nearly half of its drinking water as well as irrigating large areas of desert.

We Are Not Alone: Alien Hunters

ITV, 10.40pm (Scotland and Ireland 11pm) Yet another documentary about UPOs and close encounters with the alien kind, but this time we hear less about sightings of strange things in the sky and more about scientific efforts to establish that there is life beyond our planet. Not that the evidence is any more conclusive. But at least science is coming up with the right tools. The Hubble space telescope may one day bring certainty where much has been speculation and when the chief scientist on the Hubble project-says that finding life out there is inevitable, we must take notice. But the film still relies on material of the non-scientific kind; such as photographs of a supposed humanoid alien taken by a couple in Arizona. And the last words belong not to scientists but to Raymond Massey and are taken from the science fiction film Things to Come.

Peter Waymark.

This series about the secondary interests of people famous in another field is proving a great success

famous in another field is proving a great success and tonight's is a particularly good example. Nick-Darke is a prolific playwright whose work is performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company and at the National Theatre but he is also a fisherman, not least because wealth and the playwright are mostly strangers. Darke has a small boat on the north coast of Cornwall and he puts to sea, year round, not just to make money but also because the sea is in the blood-he was born in

also because the sea is in the blood: he was born in the house where he now lives with his family.

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Another String

Radio 4, 8.45pm

The Female Ghost Radio 4. 10am (FM only)

I am not entirely clear why a new series of ghost stories should have to be angled towards women, but I had better be careful what I say or my words could come back to haunt me. My own recollection of ghost stories is that they all seem to focus on women in one way or another, either using a female ghost or having a wide-eyed "helpless female" archetype at the centre of the story. But The Female Ghost promises something more sophisticated, not least because all four stories in the series are by women writers. The first is Mary Braddon's The Cold Embrace, which deals with the consequences of infidelity. All four stories in the series have been dramatised by Christopher Hawes and the director is Marion Nancarrow.

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Raddiffe 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Nucky Campbell 4.00 Kevin Greening 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Glastonbury 97 Live 8.30 Movie Update 8.40 Glastonbury John Peel 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00em Carl Cox 4.00em Dave Peerce

RADIO 2

6,00am Alex Lester 7.30 Sarah Kennedy 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 James Voung 1.30cm Debbas Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 Chris Serie 7.00 David Allan's Country Club 8,00 Paul Jones 9,00 Donne Warwok — The Calebray Sout Shore 9.30 The: What It Show 10,00 Shelley (6/6) 10.30 Richard Allinson 12,05am Steve Madden 3,00 Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breaktast Programme 9.00 includes coverage of the day-night game at the Oval between Surrey and Nothinghamshire 9.00 Inside Edge with Rob Bonnet 10.00 News Tab. 11.00 News Extra 12.00 After Hours with Vincert Harma 2.00am Up All Night with Rhod Sharp Includes Updale USA

TALK RADIO 5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Raeburn 9.00 James Whele 1.00am Ian Collins

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CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Alan Menn 9.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Neweright 7.30 Sonata, Havdn (Kayboard Sonata No. 38 fr F ma Svering Concert, Includes Rossini (The Barber of Seville, Overtural, Brian Easdale (The Red Shoes Ballet), Mozart (Clarinet Concerto in A minor): Mussongsky (A Night on the Bare Mountain) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00am Concerto (r).

VIRGIN RADIO 6.30am Russ 'n' Jono's Breaktast in Hong Kong 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Ctark 4.00 Nicky Home 6.00 Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Fortest 2.00am Richard Porter

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Bruch (String Ountel in A minor); Copland (Appalachian Spring), Scarlatti (Sonata In D); Haydin (Symphony No 50 in C), Weber (Overture: Abu Hassan); Nielsen (Symphony No 4, Inedinguishable)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday, Includes Arriaga (Overture: The Happy Staves); Sibelius (Incodental music, Kuolema): Ernst (Variations on The Last Rose of Summer): Prokofiev (Suite.)

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The Last Rose of Summer); Prokofiev (Suile, Lieutenant Kija)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Andrew Lyle Includes Honegger (Paclific 231); Eisler (An die Kleinen Radioapparat); Weiti (String Quartet No 1), Sting (The Secret Marriage); Stephen Montague (Snakebite); Gade (Eiverskud, part 3), Webern (Racsacaglia, Op 1), Bach, orch Webern (Ricercar a 6, Musical Offenng, BW/1079); Bach (Motet: Singet dem Herm); Berg (Die Nachhgall, Traumgekrön); Liebesode: Sommertage)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Paris 1750

1.00pm Vintage Verdi. Pierking Petrobelli, Grector of Italy's National Institute of Verdi Studies, plays a selection from the inclitute's collection of Verdi on disc and talks to Prers Burton-Page about the performances

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2.00 To Johannes Brahma. Feeluting music by
Brahms and works dedicated to him by his friends
and admirers. Gould Tho Lucy Gould, violin,
Martin Storey, cello, Gretel Dowdeswell, piano
Robert Fuchs (Plano Tro in C, Op 22), Brahms
(Piano Tro in B, Op 8)

3.15 Ulster Orchestra, under Andrew Mogreka.
Dwids (Legend in G minor, Op 59 No 3), Bax
(Summer Music), Fibich (Symphony No 1 in F)

4.15 Ensemble, with Permy Gore. Viv Miclean, piano
Includes Beethoven (Piano Sonata in C minor, Op

13, Pathetique): Chopin (Potonaise-Fantasy in A.

1at. Op 61): Ravel (Sonatine) (r)

5.00 The Music Machine, with Verity Sharp

5.15 In Turne, with Humphrey Carpenter. Live from the
Jubilee Hall, Aldeburgh. The Brindisi Quartet.
Schubert (Impromptu in F minor, D935, No. 1)

6.15 Imagen Cooper, plano. Brahms (String
Quartet No. 2 in A minor. Op 51 No. 2)

7.30 London Symphony Orehestra, under Colin
Davis. Radu Lupu, piano. Hellevi. Martingelto,
soprano. Karl Magnus: Fredriksson, bantone,
London Symphony Chorus. Mozart (Piano
Concerto No. 24 in C. minor. K491) 8.05 Layton on
Kullervo. Robert Layton discusses the background
to the Kullervo Symphony)

9.50 Give a Dog a Bad Name. David Owen Nomis
defends the musical reputation of Antonio Salleri.
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10.00 Music Restored, Andrew Manze introduces a concer by the Revolutionary Drawing Room Mendelssohn (Teenage Octei in Elias, Op 20)

10.45 Night Waves. Tony Palmer reviews A Book of Memores the latest novel from the Humgarian writer Pater Naclas

11.30 Composer of the Week: Paul Patterson (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes. Campbelt Burnap introduces more highlights from the 1997 EBU Jazz Festival Includes 1.00 Cinoral Evensong from Dandath Calhedral (r) 2.00 Moscow Quartet Straiss (Plano Charlet Op 15): Nuno Leat (To Mehler); Eduard Napramik (Plano Quartet in A minor. Op 42) 3.30 Zollan Koscis, piano Bartok (For Children, Book 4) 5.00 Sequence

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, includes Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Partiament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts, with John Weite (r) 9.30 Relatively Specifing. Esther Ranzien and her mother, Katherine, talk about their personal relationship 1740.

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10.00 News, The Fernalo Ghost (FM), See Choice. With Stephane Turner and Jonathan Firth

10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jerne Murray, includes an interview with the actress Polly James

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent, News from BBC reporters around the world

12.00 News; You and Yours, Consumer news and current affairs with Mark Whitaker

12.25pm The Heritage Quiz, in the second of six programmes, Sue MacGregor invites Christopher Cook, Reisin MacAuley, Philips Gregory and Matin Warmingh! to test their knowledge of Britan's cultural heritage 1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarko
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Hunter, by Tanika Gupta The Bounty Hunter

rounds up turaway Asian women and delivers them back to their homes, regardless of their domestic productiones. With Rehan Sheikh and

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan and guests

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleldoscope, Paul Allen reviews Joan Genet's play The Maids, with Niamh Cusack and Keny For, and looks at a book of photo-graphy that captures the essence of canal life

4.45 Short Story: Breaking Eggs, by Penelope
Feeny Read by Susan Cockson
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Str. O'Chock News
6.30 Taking it Up the Octave. The third of a five-part comedy drama by Finian Coyle and Tom Milles.
Funding at Opera Sunderland is at crisis point and a hard choice has to be made. With Caz Weter and Simon Bultenss
7.00 News 7.05 The Ampliers.

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7.00 News 7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Lifestory, in the second of sa radio biographies in which the private life of a public tace is revealed. Jon Turney recalls the life of the outstanding charmst Lifus Pauling, With contributions from the Nobel Prizewinners. M.F. Ferutz and M.H.F. Witkins.

8.00 Analysis, Frances Caminoross examines the potential benefits and costs of monetary union extended benefits and costs of monetary union.

8.45 Another String. See Choice.

9.00 Doos He Take Sugar? With Frederick Dove.

9.30 Kaleidoscope (if 9.59 Weather...)

10.45 Book at Bedttime: The Monkey King, by Timoth, Mo Read by David Yip (4/10).

11.00 Fun-Filled Days of Harriet Knight. The last of a four-part corned sanet Jones Tolking With Erryna Chambers and Jane Whittenshaw.

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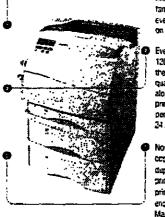
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SAILING

Chill factor slows Edwards

all-women crew on board the 92ft catamaran, Royal & SunAlliance, have been forced to mount 24-hour iceberg watches on the bow as the huge craft races eastwards at an average speed of 17.5 knots in an attempt to break the multihull transatlantic

After three days of sailing, Edwards has covered 1.264 strength wind assistance, since setting off from New York on Sunday. This has left her slightly under the pace set by the record-holder for the trip. Serge Madec, of France. who completed the crossing in Jet Services V in just over six

Edwards disclosed that she had to slow the boat slightly on Tuesday evening because of icehergs and smaller growlers - lumps of ice about 230 miles east southeast of St John's, Newloundland. She said that after each of the crew had completed a watch, the member then spent one hour on the bow

Answers from page 45 ABRIN

(b) A highly poisonous proteid contained in the jequirity bean (Abrus precatorius). "Messrs Warden and Waddell published in Calcutta during the present year a large number of observations on the jequirity poison. They have proved that the active principle is a proteid — albrin — closely allied to native

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(b) To bomb intensively. To devastate sections of (a city) by concentrated bombing, such as that inflicted on Coventry in November 1940. The first of the German "Baedeker" raids of mass destruction on touristy but not strategic cities. From the German coventrieren. "German bombers made prolonged mass attacks on Coventry. And they invented the verb to coventrate to describe the indiscriminate mass murder of civilians."

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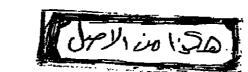
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(c) A cartridge and a breech-loading rifle. Eponyms of N. Flobert, the French armourer (1819-94). "The Flobert cartridge is notable as being an evolution of the percussion cap."

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Carol peels off in the interests of science

gizmo show Hot Gadgets (BBCI) reminds you, some technological breakthroughs leave you in awe of man's ingenuity. Who would have believed that, in the space of just a few years. scientists would have been able to prove that it really is possible to put Carol Vorderman on every elevision channel simultaneously? Having injected her brains-andbust combo into Channel 4's Countdown, BBC1's midweek National Lottery programme. BBC2's Computers Don't Bite and, only last week. ITV's Testing ... Testing. Vorderman will presumably be hosting a pseudo-science show on Channel 5 as soon as she has enough spare time to paint fuzzy

The Carlotte (BBC), 7pm)

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current Channel 5 cosmetic livery. Welcome to Hot Gudgets, gushed the ex-Tomorrow's World presenter, firing the words like Exocets through her portcullis of

lines across her face to match the

white teeth, "the new show which minutes' worth of content to a halftests the world's fabbest gadgets and gizmos. Whether they get you fit, save you time or they're just for fun, there's no gadget too big or too small, too cheap or too flashy for us. We love gadgets."

To give viewers a flavour of what to expect, Carol was waving a shark-shaped cookie jur at us: it plays Jaws-style music when you open it. Stops greedy people raiding the biscuit rations. Throughout this scene and, in fact, most of the show. Vorderman was grinning continuously but nervously. Either she had just swallowed some stateof-the-art drugs, or she felt embarrassed about descending from Tomorrow's World to Tomorrow's Abandoned Christmas Present. She had the air of someone handling the whole thing with a pair of tongs, which only stood out so much because she is usually such a polished presenter. To expand a show with three

ers its verdict on each gadget by responding to Carol's new catchphrase bark of "Is it hot, or is it not?". There are also three gadget testers. They have no specialist scientific skills and appear to be just like any other inquisitive, open-minded members of the general public, apart from the fact that they are willing to behave like orang-utans whenever requested by the director.

hour slot, a studio audience deliv-

Then one tester, James, a Birmingham student. rode a motorised scooter around campus, he reported that "it's certainly turning heads". Yes, James. That's because the other students were wondering: "Hey. who's the wally?"

Other new gadgets tested were the Kitchen Assistant (essentially a £200 electronic recipe book), a £3,500 massage chair (which has

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actually been on the market for several years), and a hand-held global positioning system, a sort of A-to-Z for people who cannot read simple maps or are too shy to ask

passers-by for directions. Each week (five more to come) we get to peek into the home of a gizmo-crazy "celebrity". This week it was the magician Paul Daniels. His trove of gadgets included one of those umbrellas that come with

and which you wear like a hat. "You look steeyoopid," squeaked Paul chirpily, "but you don't get wet." This is not such a problem for Paul Daniels as it is for most people, because he looks steeyoopid even when not wearing his hat-umbrella.

The weirdest moment came when Vorderman was unveiling her mystery "old gadget of the week". The audience was given a chance to guess what it was for, but failed. It was a sort of lathe with a blade attached. It turned out to be an apple peeler: by turning a handle, it began to take off the apple peel in one continuous halfinch coil, which Ms Vorderman then pulled tenderly and held out for all to admire. The weird bit is that this elongated fruit-peel image is identical to the one used by Durex (only with a phallically extended orange peel instead of an apple) to advertise its orangeflavoured condoms. Well, viewers her neighbours. It is the newcom-- is this saucy view of Carol Vorderman hot, or is it not?

n Firefighters (BBCI), Liverpool's Red Watch crew were fed up because they were not hot enough. They keep missing the big action. "You've been working all day," moaned one member over an after-work pint, "and you've been going to false alarms, absolutely nothing, calls from kids in phone boxes. You knock off at six o'clock and you hear on the news at seven that someone's got a big iob - well, that's frustrating." These are good men, so they must feel awkward knowing that the quieter their workload, the happier everyone around them must be.

Doreen Earl's wellbeing is also at odds with that of her community. Doreen's idea of a fun gizmo is an excavator, which she needs to expand her quarry in the Peak District. This does not please all

ers who object. The locals regard quarrying as a legitimate local activity stretching back centuries. Quarry Queen, the latest in BBC2's three-week United Kingdom! season of snapshots from around the country, offered a glimpse of how hostility between neighbours in idyllic countryside can run deeper than a coal seam.

Why cannot Doreen's mistyeved neighbours understand that hers is an ancient rural trade, and if that means ruining their view of those hills, that's tough? "At the moment." Doreen sighs, "we seem to be a nation of complainers."

Like any good snapshot. Quarry Queen shows you a scene, but it is left up to you to look closely and make what you will of what you can see on the horizon. Scenerywise, I see a hill on a horizon and I can take it or leave it. A picture of Carol Vorderman peeling fruit now that's what I call a view.

6.00am Business Breakfast (44591) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (65) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (5235268) 9.20 Cheggers' Challenge Keith's makeove

9.45 Kilroy (9608539) 10.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (83369)

11.00 News (T) (2752201) 11.05 Real Rooms Simon Biagi and the team get to work on a bedroom in a respite care home, transforming it completely so that it can be used by children with

masters transform a bathroom (3147152)

special needs (7669201) 11.30 The Great Escape (1688) 12.00 News (T) Regional News and weather

12.05pm Call My Bluff Alan Coren and Sandi Toksvig lead the teams in the obscure

words puiz (5421930) 12.35 Neighbours (4292046) 1.00 One O'Clock News (35572)

1,30 Regional News (15356317)

1.40 Wimbledon 97 Further coverage from the second round of the singles competitions at the All England Club. introduced by Desmond Lynam, John Barrett heads the commentary team

4.10 Plasmo (6809133) 4.15 The New Yogi Bear Show (6808404) 4.20 Julia Jekyll and Harriet Hyde (5072046) 4.35 Return to Jupiter (6587626)

5.00 Newsround (8209539) 5,10 The Blz (7959442)

5.35 Neighbours Romance is in the air for Ruth and Phil (r) (543775)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (201) 6.30 Regional News (881)

7.00 Watchdog: Value for Money Vanessa Feltz finds out whether expensive home improvements realty make a difference to a house's

7.30 EastEnders It is the day of Walford's big athletic challenge (715)

8.00 Crime Beat Martyn Lewis examines schools' efforts to improve security since nurder of head teacher Philip Lawrence (2336)

8.30 Airport it is crisis management every day, but the Heathrow staff try to keep smilling when an Aerotlot flight is grounded (4171)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (3423)

9.30 The Jasper Carrott Trial (104220) and Timothy Hutton. Boyle embarks on a campaign of murder and intimidation to

Starring Gerald Kennedy, Terry Gill, Frankie J. Holden and Roderick Williams. Fact-based drama about a secre operation mounted by the Australian federal and New South Wales police forces and the mafia to grow and distribute \$14 million worth of marijuana

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7.00pm Superboy (4418429) 7.90 Superboy (8915420) 8.00 Siders (6886317) 9.00 Highlander (6698891) 10.00 Tak War (6698289) 11.00 Late Show with Letterman

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6.00am The Aviator (1985) (38167620) 7.45 Martin and Ethel (1995) (716423)

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6.00am Open University: The Mammalian Kidney (3823978) 6.25 Scaling the Salt Barrier (3835713) 6.50 Designs for Living (7836442) 7.15 See Hear Breaktast News (1545423)

7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (6460317) 7.55 Blue Peter (2652978) 8.20 Charte Chalk (3269305) 8.35 The Record (2202794)

9.00 Yesterday at Wimbledon (74220) 10.00 Teletubbies (29423) 10.30 Face to Face. Paul Eddington (1696268) 11.10 Fay Presto Illusions of Grandeur (3804442) 11,50 Johnson and Friends (6439201)

12.00 Wimbledon 97 Desmond Lynam and Sue Barker present action from the fourth attempoon in SW19. Weather permitting. both the men's and women's singles should now be approaching the conclusion of the second-round stage. The commentating team includes John Barrett, John Alexander, Chris Bailey, Pat Cash and Mark Cox, Includes 3.00pm and 3.55 News regional news and weather (3544881) weather (3544881)

8.28 UK Image (408404)

8.30 Tracks Offibeat guide to the countryside Ray Mears rustles up a least on the beach and Pete McCarthy examines the history of the anorak (2713)



Jo laments his loss of freedom (9pm)

depressed at the thought that Kira may be pregnant and Milly throws caution to the wind when Egg accuses her of being boring (935591) 9.40 Today at Wimbledon Second-round

highlights from the All England Club, plus SW19. With Sue Barker (436171)

10.33 Video Nation Hong Kong Shorts (324930)

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11.20 Awaking the Bells Composer Tan Dun records his new work Symphony 1997, to celebrate the reunification of Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra (430065) 11.50 Video Nation Hong Kong Shorts

(453201) 12.00 The Midnight Hour Late-night political discussion about issues raised in

Partiament (92992) 12.30am Learning Zone: Open University Clayoquot Sound — the Final Cut? (79553)

1.00 Healthy Futures: Whose Views Count? (62850) 1,30 Yes, We Never Say No (50669)

2.00 FETV: Communications and the 4.00 Languages; Teaching Languages

5.00 The Small Business Programme/20 Steps to Better Management (30973)

6.00am GMTV (9007355) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (3155171) 9.55 Regional News (T) (4849404)

10.00 The Time, the Place (23249) 10.30 This Momina (T) (65293084) 12.20pm Regional News (T) (1218510)

12.30 News (T) and weather (4211171) 12.55 A Country Practice (4296862)

1.25 Home and Away (T) (90499133) 1.50 It's a Vet's Life (r) (T) (31850688) 2.20 Winnetka Road (T) (5873084)

3.20 News (T) (3471268) 3.25 Regional News (T) (3470539)

3.30 The Riddlers (r) (3281626) 3.40 Wizadora (r) (6813336) 3.50 Rupert and the Johy Roger 4.15 Transylvania Pet Shop (T) 4.40 Matt's Millions (T) 5.10 Shortland Street (8196336)

5.40 News (T) and weather (719881) 6.00 Home and Away Rebecca ofters Travis a shoulder to cry on (560978) 6.25 Central News (578997)

6.55 Lifeline (424997) 7.00 Emmerdale (1084)

7.30 3-D Presenter Julia Somerville follows six couples as they altend a weekend

marriage guidance course (T) (133) 8.00 The Bill: Rent When a young busker is hit by a car, at first it looks like an accident Untortunately, Boyden and Keane's inquiries lead them up some frustrating blind alleys (T) (7404)



8.30 Bliss: A Far Cry Louise returns from university for a test to see whether she is likely to develop the disease which killed her mother. Bliss knocks down a boy who ran out in front of his car, but his attempts to make amends are thwarted by the youngster's strangely uncooperative mother (11572)

10.00 News (T) and weather (85688) 10.30 Regional News (T) and weather

(755733) 10.40 Crimestoppers Special (175978)

11.15 We Are Not Alone: Alien Hunters The second of two programmes about the possibility of the existence of alien life searches for proof

12.15 Wacky Weekly World News (8057534) 12.40 In Bed with MeDinner (9641058) 1.10 Funny Business (1306737)

1.40 Cyber Cate (1952553)

2,10 Late and Loud (6189669) 3.05 3-D (37285350)

3.35 The Good Sex Guide Late (9058447) 4.30 The Time, the Place (21669) 5.00 Garden Calendar (69331) 5.30 News (97447)

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6.25 Central News (578997) 10.46 We Are Not Alone (363046) 11.40 New York News (742152)

12.45am Funny Business (92534) 1.15 Planet Rock Proffles (99447) 1.45 Club Nation (8186824)

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7.00 The Big Breakfast (58423) 9.00 Bewitched (95065) 9.30 Film: About Mrs Laslie (62861688) 11.25 Boogle Doodle (1284317)

11.30 Springhill (7626) 12.00 House to House (75201) 12.30pm Ricki Lake (35171) 1.00 Slot Meithrin (10907607)

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11.40 New York News (222510)

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10.29 Pollen Count (695959) 10.40 We Are Not Alone (363046) 11.40 Star Wars Trilogy: The Magic and the Mystery (222510)

As HTV West except: 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (4296862)

Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (37201)

1,30 Film: Little Old New York (45076249)

4.00 Fifteen-to-One (862) 4.30 Absolutely Animals (666) 5.00 5 Pump (9862)

6.35 Jac yn y Bocs (453249) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (681355)

9.00 The Jewel in the Crown (3775) 10,00 Film: The Last Seduction (43252572) 12.05am Riding the Tiger (3421244)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (37201) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (58423) 9.00 Bewiched (r) (T) (95065) 9.30 About Mrs Leslie (1954) with Shirley Booth and Robert Ryan. Drama about a Beverly Hills boarding-house owner who recalls her wartime attair with a marned man, Directed by Daniel Mann

(62861688) 11.25 Boogie Doodle A Norman McLaren abstract (1284317) 11.30 Australia Wild (**7626) 12.00** House to House (**7**5201) 12.30pm Caroline in the City (r) (T) (35171) 1.00 Springhill (T) (51510) 1.30

Ginger Nutt (15363607) 1.45 The Farmer's Daughter (1947, b/w) staming Loretta Young as a tarm girl from Minnesota who ends up in Congress. Directed by H.C. Potter (T) (58214607)

3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier Cookery 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (862)

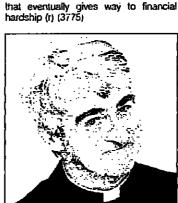
4.30 Countdown (T) (6571065) 4.55 Rickl Lake Overweight people seek advice on getting fit (T) (5756133) 5.30 Pet Rescue (r) (T) (626)

6.00 Boy Meets World Rites of passage cornedy. Corrie realises he has made a stupid mistake (T) (539)

6.30 Hollyoaks Teen soap. Tony regrets choosing a church wedding (T) (591) 7.00 Channel 4 News (1) Includes headlines and weather at 7.30 (322336) 7.50 Dicky Hearts (357046)

8.00 SHOCE Health Alert Shahnaz Pakravan explores heart disease. Last in the series (T) (5046) 8.30 CHOCE Fishers of Galilee The threat to the delicate ecosystem of the biblical lake (T) (7881)

9.00 The Sextuplet Business A look at three families who have had sextuplets and the effect that the multiple births had on their lives. The show traces the initial elation



Dermot Morgan (10.00pm) 10.00 Father Ted The priests go on their annual holiday to the Kilkelly Caravan

Park (r) (T) (197930) 10.35 Northern Exposure Oilbeat comedy set ın Alaska Phil discovers Little Italy right in the middle of town (T) (374152)

11.30 Weekly Planet in Hong Kong, Jon Snow chairs a discussion on its future under 1.00am Bunny Lake is Missing (1965, b/w)
Thriller about a policeman investigating the disappearance of a single mother's the disappearance of a single mother's four-year-old daughter. With Laurence Olivier and Carol Lynley Directed by Otto

Preminger (49553) 3.00 Memento Professor George Steiner talks to Joan Bakewell (r) (T) (11282) 3.30 Schools (r) (T) (775379) 5.25 Backdate (r) (T) (3236814)

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6.00am 5 News Early (7755733)

7.30 Havakazoo (3947591) 8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol (8156591) 8.30 WideWorld (8155862) 9.00 Espresso (6199238) 10.00 Exclusive! (r)

(1059959) 10.30 The Great Garden Game (r) (T) (8175626) 11.00 Leeza (1389794) 11.50 Double Espresso (44668411) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8166978) 12.30pm Family

Alfairs (r) (T) (6464779) 1.00 5 News Update (T) (52324997) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (9223133) 2.00 5's Company (8870133)



Tom Courtenay as Billy (3.30pm)

3.30 Billy Liar (1963, b/w) with Tom Courtenay, Julie Christie and Wilfred Pickles Wry comedy about an idle young world. Directed by John Schlesinger (1)

5.20 5's Company — Late Extra (99342046) 5.30 100 Per Cent Quiz show without a host

(7641713) 6.00 Whittle (T) (7648626)

6.30 Family Affairs Elsa moves in with the rest of the Hart family (T) (7639978) 7.00 Exclusive! Entertainment news with Jonothan Coleman, Julia Bradbury and Jason Roberts (6795713)

7.30 Natural Natives: Trall of Peter Rabbit population of Great Britain (T) (7628862) 8.00 Nancy Lam: Seaside Special The oriental cook prepares a cucumber salad

vegetarian dish called hokkien mee (T) 8.30 5 News (T) (6790268)

9.00 The Prince of Bel Air (1986) with Mark Harmon, Kirste Alley and Robert Vaughn
Cornedy about a justy bachelor who
cleans the pools and seduces the female
residents of Bel Air. Directed by Charles
Processor (90020559) Braverman (99970539)

11.35 Bring Me the Head of Light Entertainment Comedy panel game with Graham Norton, Fred Macauley and Lee Hurs! (r) (6716539)

10.50 The Jack Docherty Show (6946369)

12.05am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine hosted by Dominik Diamond. Includes Major League soccer from America (42214331)

4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (3935640) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (9149553)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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6.00am Mouse Tracks (9424794) 6.25 Ouack Attack (9403201) 6.50 Bonkers (4435997) 7.15 Linde Mermand (6740510) (4435997) 7.15 Little Mermaid (6740510) 7.40 Aladdin (9550268) 8.05 Queck Pack 7.40 Aladdin (855(268) 8.05 Cuack Pack (2092355) 8.20 God Toop (9517) 9.00 Care Beers (2235688) 9.25 Umbreits Tree (347423) 9.50 Muppet Babes (674077) 10.15 Groundling Marsh (1673713) 10.40 Sing Me a Story (8244171) 11.05 Poddington Peas (8146063) 11.10 Big Carage (879059) 11.25 Pod Comer (2579152) 11.55 Fraggio Rock (1117201) 12.20pm Mouse Tracks (341930) 12.45 Trong and Pambas (98013775) 1.00 Boy Timon and Pumbas (98013775) 1.00 Boy Meels World (82421084) 1.25 Bonkers 196965539) 1.50 Cusck Pack (52712685) 2.15 Aladdin (89034959) 2.40 Core Bears 1983(194) 3.00 Ulite Mermad (2725297)

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6.00em briogoud (96404) 6.30 Danger-mouse (27263) 7.00 Danns the Menace (31591) 7.30 Where's Wally (50626) 8.00 Battran (77046) 8.30 Ari Atlack (7637) 9.00 Ari Arack (90997) 9.30 Earthworm Jim (94201) 10.00 Graveriate High (24713) 10.30 Flash Gordon (8868) 11.00 Croellys (248133) 11.30 Croellass and Crawlers (48133) 11.30 Caddlacs are Diriosaurs (49862) 12.00 Gravedale High (70133) 12.30pm Sturr Davigs (32107) 1/01/33) 12.30pm Stuff Lewigs 1.32*0.10 1,00 Barmar (30962) 1.30 Dangermouse (8268) 2.00 Creepy Crawlers (7084) 2.30 Rash Gordon (2044) 3.00 Sonic (6591) 3.30 Earthworm Jim (4249) 4.00 Dennis the Menace (6084) 4.30-5.00 Art Artack (2268)

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8.00am Count Duchula (41830) 6.30 Rocko (12171) 7.00 Hey Ameld (41171) 7.30 Rugrats (37978) 8.00 Doug (42336) 8.30 Arthur (41607) 9.00 CBBC (2999) 8.30 CBBC (69591) 10.00 Winzie's House (14733) 10.30 Sabar (54171) 11.00 Mage School Bus (29189) 11.30 Victor and Mana etc (79648) 12.00 Banenas in Pyjernes (45423) 12.30pen Richard Scorry (70607) 1.00 CBBC (40442) 1.30 CBBC (79978) 2.00 Dr Sauss (6572) 2.30 Arthur (4220) 3.00 Alvin (5607) 3.30 Bruno the Kid (6065) 4.00 Hey Arrold (5572) 4.30 Rugrals (4024) 8.00 Skiler Sister (9132) 5.30 Kenan and Kel (5336) 6.00 Alex Mack (2249) 5.30-7.00 Doug (6201)

Madison (3888539) 1.30 Sweet Valley High (5015775) 2.00 Hangitire (9957688) 2.30 California Dreems (2605152) 3.00 Byker California Dreems (2605152) 3.00 Byker Grove (9979423) 3.30 9-2-5 (2617997) 4.00 Sweet Valley High (2696404) 4.30 Hangtone (2692688) 5.00 Saved by the Bell (9981266) 5.30 Catifornia Divernis (2616288) 6.00 Bytes Grovo (2606881) 6.30 Madson (2697133) 7.00-8.00 Heart-

12.00 Heartbreak High (5035539) 1.00pm

8.00pm Twight Zone (9970152) 8.30 Monsters (9966959) 9.00 Burning Zone (6074881) 10.00 Tour of Dury (6084268) 11.00 FiLM: Bull Durham (1700664)

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Davis Cup place is reward for latest burgeoning British talent

Lee joins revival movement

By JULIAN MUSCAT TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

WITH one notable exception, June has bestowed on Martin Lee an experience that youngsters of recent vintage would have stapled to the front of their scrapbooks. If this is indeed the highight of Lee's tennis career. his passing would leave egg on the faces of some of the nation's astute judges. The evidence is mounting: Lee's advance to the second round at Wimbledon was followed yesterday by his elevation, to the Davis Cup team to play Ukraine in Kiev

Over the past decade, the odd British comet has been sighted on the Wimbledon skyline but Lee, 19, has more distant horizons. Last year he headed the world junior rankings for four months be-

fore joining the senior tour. He started the year ranked No 018 in the world, took a couple of worthwhile scalps at Queen's recently, advanced to No 335 on Monday and promptly dispatched Nuño Marques, the world No 128, in straight sets on Tuesday. Yesterday, as he waited in the rain to take on the Frenchman, summoned to the Great Britain team in preference to five players rated above him.

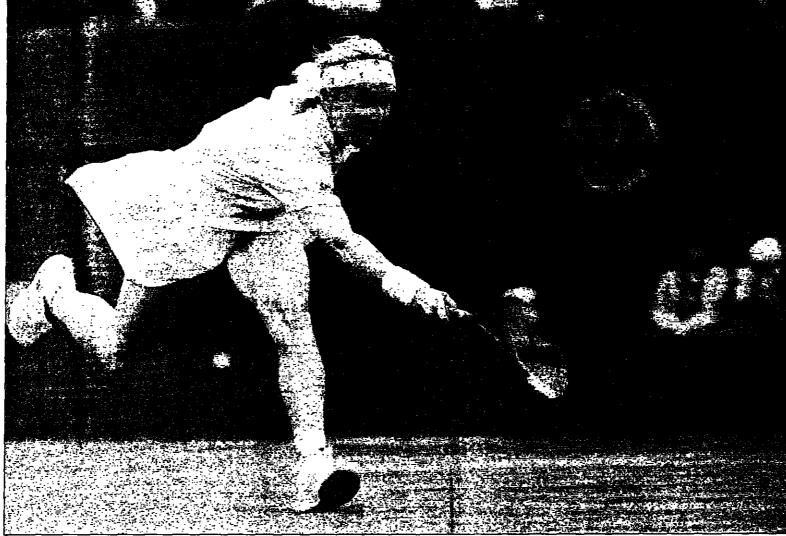
Although Lee, from Worthing, is among six Britons to clear the first hurdle at Wimbledon, he is the youngest and therefore harbours the most promise. Moreover, he is the first graduate from the fledgling Rover Junior Tennis Initiative to make an impact. He offers encouragement that the initiative is working. For decades. Britain has lamented the fleeting impact of its

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players worldwide. Lee arrives at a time when the domestic game has finally cast the framework of a cohesive structure within which to develop his talents.

David Lloyd, captain of the British Davis Cup team, has vociferously criticised this particular aspect of British tennis. Little assistance has been granted to the nation's juniors on their graduation, a treacherous passage where success depends as much on support and guidance as inherent ability. "It has happened a lot of times before," Lloyd said. "Andrew Castle and Chris Bailey have done well at Wimbledon,

but failed to break through. high-quality coaches. It's bet ter now, but we still have a long way to go. When these kids are travelling the world, you've 20t to invest in a team of firstclass, highly-paid coaches and

Lee still has plenty to learn. He is only a year younger than Mark Philippoussis, the Australian ranked No 13 in the world, and it is tolly to expect him to sustain the rapid

By NICK SZCZUPANIK

IT WAS not Wimbledon's

worst day ever for weather -

whole days have been lost to

rain, most recently in 1992 —

but that was seart consolation

to speciators who waited for

play to start six hours late.

only to see a maximum of 13

cames before rain interrupted

proceedings just before

Those on Centre Court saw

Monica Seles fail to capitalise

on a match point at 5-2 in the

second set against Rachel

McQuillan before the covers

came back on, but they were

the lucky ones — only a single

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

o'dock.

for Lee when the latter was selected to join the Rover Lawn

progress of recent weeks. Yet Lloyd is patently among Lee's growing band of admirers. "At Oueen's lust over two weeks ago. I told him privately that he would be coming to Kiev with the team," Lloyd said, "When I played Davis Cup, we always used to take a bag boy for experience, but Martin has maybe played his way

Lee has his own full-time

Forecast prompts early start

game was possible on No 2

Court between Mary Pierce

and Dominique Van Roost,

while matches on three out-

side courts did not start at all.

After a 38-minute break.

Seles, the No 2 seed, returned

briefly to complete a 6-0, 6-2

victory over her Australian

the outside courts and at

midday on Centre Court and

No I Court. The backlog has

not yet reached critical pro-

portions, according to Alan

Mills, the tournament referee.

We can take another day or

two of this." he said, "If the

worst comes to the worst, we

Play today starts at Ham on

opponent

into contention."

Tennis Association (LTA) School at Bisham Abbey. Men such as Barday, whose experience bestrides all levels of the game, have long guided the tennis careers of the youth of other countries. The LTA's ambivalence towards effective youth development policies in its history - although according to Richard Lewis, head of national training at the LTA, none of its recent pupils graduated with Lee's junior pedigree. Lloyd warned that Lee's

coach in Ian Barclay, who guided Pat Cash to his Wimble-

don triumph ten years ago.

Barclay assumed responsibility

priority in the wake of Wimbledon will be to make an impression elsewhere in the world. "We must not be complacent," he said. "Martin has been winning on grass, which is our surface and one no others are used to. The true

can play doubles matches over three sets and start at

Unfortunately, another day

or two of this is exactly what

London SW19 can expect: the

weather forecast today pre-

dicts a mostly cloudy, wet day.

Wimbledon was extended onto the middle Sunday in

1991, when only 52 matches had been played by Friday

night. Spectators were

allowed to pay on the day and

the show courts were filled by

enthusiasts who revelled in

the unaccustomed opportuni-

ly provided by the removal of

ticketing restrictions, creating

a carnival atmosphere.

llam until we catch up."

test will come six months after Wimbledon. The LTA and its coaches have got to take the core and make it grow outside of Britain." Lewis, himself a former top 60 player, said that the LTA fell way behind in the develop-

ment stakes on account of a lack of funding. However, aided, from 1980, by Wimbledon's successful commerciaembarked on a long-term development programme, from him and to the frustration of his peers - stands to benefit.

Lewis admits that much remains to be done. The LTA is six years into a greatly increased financial commitment to the sport, but Lewis concedes that much remains to be done. He cites the example of France, twice Davis Cup-winners this decade, as the ideal model after a considerable investment two decades ago. Lewis maintains it takes that long for grass-

roots projects to reach fruition. "Obviously, we have kept a close eye on Martin Lee and it has been no great surprise to see him do well of late," Lewis said. "It has probably accelerated his development. He is now a mature young man. We feel he has the ability to become a [world] top 50 player, but it would be dangerous to speculate beyond that. It is

very much down to the individual player." Even if he reaches that goal, is will take Lee at least three years at the normal rate of progress for one of his age. There are a multitude of hazards, not the least of which is injury. What entitles the nation's tennis followers to be optimistic, however, is that Lee will not lack for guidance, as have those before him.

Lions shorn by sudden loss of Evans

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN DURBAN

THE British Isles will have to take the loss of players in the build-up to a rugby union international as a good omen. Injury removed Robert Howley before the successful first meeting with South Africa last week and, yesterday, a damaged groin muscle ensured that leuan-Evans will take no further part in the tour.

Coming on top of the loss of Will Greenwood, with concussion, in Bloemfontein 24 hours earlier, it is a body blow that the touring party would have wished to avoid three days before the second international at King's Park here on Saturday. Even reports of confusion within the Springboks, who will field two newcomers in a revised three-quarter line, will have been ittle consolation for the loss of Evans, at 33 and with 71 Wales caps the most experienced

have been playing well and now my tour has been shot down in flames." Evans said. He felt a twinge during the game in Cape Town on Saturday, but tore the muscle

Symbolic Lion Heineken Cup draw ..

when he twisted in training vesterday. His absence, which could pave the way for John Bentley, of Newcastle, ends a run of seven successive internationals as the Lions' right wing - three in Australia in 1989, three in New Zealand four years later and last week against South Africa.

Evans, a candidate for the captaincy of the Lions earlier this year, has revelled in the hard grounds and in the scope offered him by colleagues imbued with the desire to play running rugby, but now he is likely to need four weeks' rest before he can resume training for a new season with Llanelli.

Though only three games debate replacements for Evans and Greenwood, the Leicester centre having rejoined them after spending a night in hospital. His head hit the ground after a heavy tackle during the 52-30 win over Free State and he was unconscious for several minutes. He also dislocated a shoulder, though he will not require an operation.

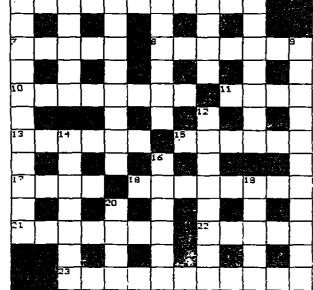
Greenwood will probably return home early next week. following the melancholy steps of Paul Grayson, Doddie Weir, Scott Quinnell and Howley, and has been advised to rest for two months, which would prevent him starting the new Allied Dunbar Pre--miership season in August Among the candidates to become Lions at this late stage will be Rob Henderson, the Wasps centre, and Adedayo Adebayo, the Bath wing.

It is no exaggeration to say that any combination of Greenwood, Jeremy Guscott, Scott Gibbs and Allan Bateman fnow that Alan Tait has moved to the wing) would serve the Lions handsomely in not possess, since they have kept Andre Snyman, a centre trade on the wing. litting him from Danie van-Schalkwyk, his regular partner at Northern Transvaal. who comes in for the injured Edrich Lubbe.

The other centre Percival Montgomery, who played against the Lions at stand-off half for Western Province last month, while the other newcomer is his provincial colleague, Pieter Rossouw, on the wing. Montgomery who will share the goalkicking duties with Henry Honiball, fills the substantial shoes of Japie Mulder and Rossouw those of James Small, while there remains no place for Hennie le Roux in the

According to Carel du Plessis, the South Africa coach, the World Cop veteran is suffering from a nagging groin injury and is therefore not available; but it is reported that le Roux has played with the injury for the past two years and that the motivation (not on the part of du Plessis) for his omission is political because of his role in players'

motivators. They aren't cheap and I still don't think we have enough of them."



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20 Fish: spearhead on pole (4) By Alan LEE

KEITH PIPER, a wicketkeeper who has been on the fringe of the England Test side after two A-team tours, was vesterday suspended by Warwickshire for failing a drugs test. He will miss the Britannic Assurance county championship match at Leicester that starts today and has also been

fined 2500, the equivalant of a week's wages. The drug involved is cannabis, which is not on the Sports Council's list of banned substances and is not thought to enhance playing performance. It remains, however, unacceptable within professional sport and Warwickshire, with the approval of the England und Wales Cricker Board (ECB), have taken admirably

swift action. The paradox of the affair is that Warwickshire had, without warning, conducted compulsory tests on their entire playing staff on Michday with

a view to countering rumour and scandal from threatened newspaper revelations by their former player. Paul Smith, who has recently admitted in print to a cocaine habit.

Instead of this, they uncovered another culprit. Piper. 27. becomes the third cricketer in the past year to be suspended for drug offences and all three are linked with Warwickshire. The most notorious case, also involving excaine, concerned Ed Giddins, who was subsequently dismissed by Sussex and is being paid a retainer by Warwickshare before joining them when his ban expires next season. Giddins and Piper were

team-mates on the England A tour of Pakistan two winters ago, but both have now harmed their prospects of Test cricket. While Giddins is spending the summer playing club cricket and having occasional nets at Edghaston, Piper was told vesterday to take a short break and avoid speak-

Piper suspended after drugs test ing to the media. He has already missed the NatWest Trophy tie with Norfolk, during which he was meeting county officials, but may be considered for the Axa Life League game at

Leicester on Sunday. Warwickshire have acted far more humanely than Sussex, in similar circumstances, by offering their player counselling. Dennis Amiss, the chief executive, confirmed that Piper has also been asked for a written



Piper: £500 fine

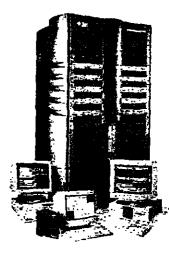
undertaking that he will not transgress again. "If there is any repeat, the committee would obviously take a far more serious view," Amiss

Amiss added that the testing programme, carried out by the club's own doctors, was in direct response to the murky confessions of Smith, who left the playing staff at the end of the 1996 season. Having agreed to play Minor Counties cricket for Shropshire, Smith accepted money from a Sunday newspaper for his drugsand-sex revelations and has since been banned for 22 months and had his Shropshire contract cancelled.

"After the publicity for the Paul Smith case, we wanted to be seen to be pro-active in the fight against drugs," Amiss said. "We want a clean image for the game and for Warwick-

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